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First University Project Since State Edict Has Affordable Units

The first Princeton University construction project to emerge since Princeton Borough adopted state mandated affordable housing regulations last year will likely result in the reconstruction of five affordable rental units along a stretch of Leigh Avenue.

The University project, a 45,000 square-foot academic building slated to house the Operations Research and Financial Engineering Department (ORFE) to be located at the school's Engineering Quadrangle east of Olden Street, has been submitted to the Regional Planning Board of Princeton for review and will be subjected to the current growth share law.

Those statutes, as dictated through the state's Council on Affordable Housing, (COAH), outline several mechanisms to induce an increased level of affordable housing through development that would include affordable units commensurate with the new development's square-footage and the number of jobs it will produce.

"It's a great opportunity for us to work hand-in-hand with the University on the first project since the regulations were put into place," said Robert Bruschi, Borough administrator.

The University will also be required, under municipal ordinance, to pay \$186,975 to the Borough for a portion of the growth share generated.

An aging affordable rental complex located at 101-104 Leigh Avenue that currently contains five housing units will be demolished and reconstructed by the University. By the state's standards, the new units must be habitable before ORFE receives a certificate of occupancy. The University has indicated that the new ORFE building will be complete in time for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Once the five units are demolished and reconstruction is underway, the Borough is credited a refreshed five units. The state is requiring the Borough to produce 97 affordable units retroactive through 2014; the land-starved Borough, however, has questioned the feasibility of that number.

Under the current guidelines, projected development by the University alone would call for 38 housing units. However, that number could also change if COAH reconsiders requirements for tax-exempt institutions and for development that does

PHS: No Certificate, No School

As of Tuesday, September 5, a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) had not been received by the Princeton Regional Schools for the new construction at the Princeton High School.

Inspectors were reviewing the site as Town Topics approached its press deadline.

"They were not able to approve a TCO today," said School Principal Gary Snyder. "There are one or two things that still need to be addressed, but we have one more day before school starts so we are proceeding under the assumption that we will have it by the start of school on Thursday."

If the certificate is not received, PHS will use its automated calling system to inform parents, said Mr. Snyder, who also advised parents to watch the PRS website at www.prs.k12. As of press time, the website listed no change to its September 7 date for the first day of school for students.

The start of school may be postponed, however, "if that's what we have to do," said Mr. Snyder. "We can't have kids on site without a temporary certificate of occupancy."

Superintendent of Schools Judith Wilson was not available for comment.

Until such approval is forthcoming, students will not be able to enter the buildings. That includes the old school as well

as the new laboratories, classrooms, and auditorium that were toured so optimistically by members of the Board of Education just two weeks ago, August 23.

At that time, it was suggested that the new facilities would be ready for the first day of the 2006-07 school year, September 7.

If received in time, the certificate would allow students to enter facilities that are the result of five years of work, funded by

an \$81.3-million referendum approved in 2001.

Returning students who had expected to tour the new construction on Thursday, August 31, and Friday, September 1 had their tours cancelled.

Even though major new construction has come to an end, renovations to the old school will continue for the next 8 to 10 months.

—Linda Arntzenius

A Vacant Lot Along Harry's Brook Attracts Curiosity and Concern

Residents of the flood-prone Harry's Brook section of Princeton Township accustomed to dealing with liquid adversity like Saturday's all-day rainfall have apparently circumvented the development process by raising concern over a vacant, but potentially developable two-acre lot in their water-logged section of Princeton Township.

An ongoing increase in flooding has caused activist residents living in that eastern portion of town to step up advocacy initiatives to keep the governing body informed about how increased impervious surfaces due to increased development can only exacerbate existing flood conditions throughout the area.

That activism helped create the Flood and Stormwater Management Committee,

a municipal agency that specifically keeps track of flood conditions while considering state stormwater and runoff regulations. It is also partly responsible for the creation of an impervious surface cap in the Township that limits the square-footage of impervious surfacing on single-family lots. While that code it is not expected to mitigate flooding that has already occurred, Township officials and residents alike hope that it will keep matters from getting worse in often-saturated parts of the Township, particularly the Harry's Brook and Riverside neighborhoods.

Those surface coverage caps were cause for alarm for some residents who worried that placing limits on lot devel-

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN: The backs of the jerseys tell the story as some incoming Princeton University freshmen meet on the first leg of their journey toward graduation.

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Librarians Talk About Rebuilding New Orleans

One year after was the city was devastated by Hurricane Katrina, Library Director Leslie Burger, staff and Friends of the Princeton Public Library will share photographs and describe their experiences and offer their insights into the rebuilding efforts on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Burger traveled to the New Orleans this spring in preparation for the annual conference of the American Library Association (ALA) that took place there in June. The conference was the first major convention to take place in the city following the flood devastation. Ms. Burger was installed as ALA president in a ceremony attended by library staff, trustees and members of the Friends, who also aided the rebuilding efforts.

Photographs from the trip, taken by Ms. Burger, chronicle various stages of the rebuilding efforts in both New Orleans and in neighboring Mississippi. They document what has been accomplished and how much remains to be done.

Members of the Princeton contingent at the conference will share their experiences in the city and describe their work on a branch of the New

Orleans Public Library.

About 20 people from Princeton, including former Trustees President Nancy Ukai Russell, spent a day working to reopen the library's Children's Resource Center. Their effort culminated in a grand reopening ceremony that drew national media attention.

"Working on the Children's Resource Center was very rewarding," said Janie Hermann,

the Princeton Public Library's programming coordinator. "Hearing first-hand accounts of the rebuilding efforts and experiencing the hospitality and gratitude of the people of New Orleans is something I'll never forget."

For more information about the free program, call (609) 924-9529 or visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

Linda Arntzenius



MAKING CAMP AT MORVEN: En route from Newport, Rhode Island to Yorktown, in Virginia, a group of re-enactors camped for two nights at Morven last week. The marchers, who hope to arrive in Yorktown on October 7, are commemorating the 225th anniversary of a 600-mile march by members of the French army under Gen. Jean-Baptiste-Donatien de Vimeur, Comte De Rochambeau, which passed through Princeton to join with the force that defeated the British General Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown. They continued on Thursday toward Trenton, where they made camp at the Old Barracks before crossing into Pennsylvania. For more information about "America's March to Yorktown," visit www.marchtoYorktown.org. (Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

Topics In Brief A Community Bulletin

Princeton University will mark the beginning of its academic year with opening exercises at 3 p.m., Sunday, September 10, in the University Chapel. The annual interfaith service will include an address by University President Shirley Tilghman and the recognition of academic achievements of undergraduate students. The ceremony is open to all members of the University community. Classes begin on Thursday, September 14.

Cycling team (and husband and wife team) **Andrew Koontz and Laurie Harmon** will host a benefit supporting the 250-mile New Jersey Ride Against AIDS from High Point to Cape May this Sunday, September 10, from 3 to 5 p.m. This is the second year that Ms. Harmon and Mr. Koontz, a Princeton Borough Councilman, have taken part in the ride. The benefit, where tax-deductible contributions of \$30, \$50, and \$100 will be accepted, will take place at Quark Park along Paul Robeson Place. For more information, call (609) 252-0264.

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PRAISING PINTER'S MASTERY: McCarter Live at the Library began its third year of programming last week with a conversation between award-winning actress Blair Brown (right) and Emily Mann, celebrating her 17th season as Artistic Director/Resident Playwright) at McCarter Theatre. The McCarter season opens with Harold Pinter's play "The Birthday Party."

Blair Brown and Emily Mann
In Conversation at the Library

Tony award winner Blair Brown sat down with McCarter Theatre Artistic Director and playwright Emily Mann at the Princeton Public Library last Wednesday night to talk about the work of English playwright Harold Pinter,

winner of the 2005 Nobel Prize for Literature.

Ms. Brown brought her perspective as an actor to the discussion, and Ms. Mann her experience as a director and playwright. The event opened the third season of McCarter Live at the Library.

Widely known for her title role in the TV series (1987-

ear for heightened language. She can rip your heart out and make you laugh at the same time. Which is what Pinter does in this play."

According to Ms. Mann, *The Birthday Party*, written in 1957, hasn't dated one second since then, which only goes to show "what a great play it is."

That it was roundly dismissed by contemporary critics puts Pinter in the good company of Russian playwright and short story writer Anton Chekhov and the Irish-born novelist and dramatist Samuel Beckett, according to Ms. Mann.

Pinter is known as much

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1991) *The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd*. Ms. Brown has performed in Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*, and, most recently, in the New York production of Michael Frayn's *Copenhagen*. She played the leading role of Prospera in Ms. Mann's production of Shakespeare's *Tempest* in 2003.

Ms. Mann's career includes numerous awards, among them a Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theater in 1994. She won a Peabody Award for her stage version of the book *Having Our Say* by African American centenarian sisters Sarah L. and A. Elizabeth Delaney. Her plays include the award-winning *Execution of Justice*, *Still Life*, *Greensboro (A Requiem)*, and *Annulla: An Autobiography*. Her production of Pinter's *The Birthday Party* is currently in rehearsal.

The discussion was introduced by librarian Sue Roth — the last event to be hosted by Ms. Roth, who retired the following day, Thursday, August 31 — to a packed audience in the library's community room where extra seating had to be brought in.

Ms. Brown began by asking the theater director about her choice of play for this new season. Why Pinter and why now?

The choice came about as the result of Ms. Mann's search for a vehicle for Barbara Bryne, with whom she has had a long friendship/collaboration. Ms. Bryne created the title role over 30 years ago in Ms. Mann's first play *Annulla*, performed at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis and subsequently starred in Ms. Mann's production of *The Glass Menagerie* there, which marked the first time a woman directed on the Guthrie mainstage.

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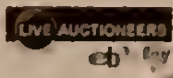
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for the emphasis in his plays on the non sequiturs of conversation as for his interest in politics. Over the years he has spoken out forcefully about the abuse of state power around the world.

The play is timely, she said because it is about people being afraid to speak up, about losing courage, and about being clueless about what is going on, all of which seems appropriate for the current time.

Pinter grew up a Jew in the East End of London. The knock on the door, for him, represented the Gestapo. "This is one of the greatest plays of the 20th century. It won't date because it is relevant, it deals with the terror of being destroyed simply because of who you are."

On first seeing the play, Ms. Brown thought it "radical, outrageous, terrifying, and funny." She described it as "an ovont-gorde play that forms the beginning of a canon from one of the greatest and most influential playwrights of the last century."

While Pinter is often listed alongside Beckett, both Ms. Mann and Ms. Brown agreed that the two are very different. Pinter, whose other plays include *The Caretaker*, *The Homecoming*, *Old Times* and *Betrayal* is much juicier, said Ms. Mann. There is a real red-bloodedness to his work. "You have to play him with great relish, there's a perversity to it, a passion and a vitality. The whole play is extremely disturbing. There's also this understanding of what it means to be silenced, to be broken, to be clueless, as Meg is at the end."

Described as a "wildly menacing comedy," *The Birthday Party* is set in a seedy English boarding house run by Meg and Petey. Their only boarder, Stanley, is having a

birthday when two strangers, Goldberg and McCann, arrive with a van and a wheelbarrow. The play takes a sinister turn after a few glasses of whiskey and a game of blindman's buff.

Much of the action takes place in the imagination of the audience, demonstrating Pinter's mastery of ambiguity and of the power of stillness.

For the upcoming production, Ms. Mann has been inspired by a new set design from Eugene Lee which departs from the traditional one room set by having two stories. "The upstairs looms in this design, which opens up the play in a new and inspiring way," said Ms. Mann, "making what is offstage more mysteriously present and the menace more imminent."

Ms. Brown related Pinter's story of how he wrote pauses into his plays. When he wrote his first play, he used dashes. For his second play, he used dots. His first play ran for one week, while his second ran for an entire year, thus establishing his conviction that dots were much more important than dashes.

And then there's the subtext, introduced by Chekov and taken to another level by Pinter. "With Pinter, the more ambiguity you can build under the language, the more riveting the experience is for the audience, to whom Pinter gives a very active role," said Ms. Mann. "It's the audience as sleuth in response to ambiguity that doesn't go down as well with American as with European audiences."

In answer to a question from the audience as to the comparative flatness of Pinter's work on screen, Ms. Mann pointed out that the playwright's heightened language and emotion can seem affected on film. Ms. Brown described the evanescence of theater as having a collective

power in contrast to film.

When asked about directing Pinter, Ms. Mann described her experience of meeting the playwright in Princeton six years ago during the production of *The Betrayal* at McCarter. Ms. Mann, found her way into this one-woman, two-man play, through the woman character and her relationships with the two men. While women's skills, she thinks, are well-suited to directing because they are good at getting people to communicate, it is not something that she considers when at work.

"When you are directing, you don't think of yourself as being a woman director, it's just who you are. The point is to find the humanity in characters that are often treated as two-dimensional paper cutouts."

Finding the humanity in the characters of Goldberg and McCann, often played as stereotypes, is one of the many challenges of *The Birthday Party*. "It is a hard play to do," said Ms. Mann. "It takes craft as well as art. Pinter's work is deceptive in its demands on the audience and on the actors. It's as exhausting as doing Lear."

In spite of the challenges, Ms. Mann is convinced that the effort is most definitely worth it. She shares Pinter's "mad idealism." "Though he wouldn't think of himself that way, that's why he's so outraged. He is not a cynic."

The Birthday Party by Harold Pinter, directed by Emily Mann, featuring Barbara Bryne, Allen Corduner, Randall Newsome, Charlotte Parry, James Stephens, and Henry Stram, begins previews on Friday, September 8 and runs through October 15 at the Berlind Theatre.

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Skate Park in Princeton Is Possible, But Only With 'Board' Certified Experts

After having agreed to spearhead the fund-raising component for a proposed skateboard park to be located in the Township's Hilltop Park on Bunn Drive, the Princeton Parks Alliance has focused on the design phase as the next step in moving forward with the estimated \$250,000 project.

A skate park, with dimensions estimated at 8,500 square feet, could be handled a number of ways, but, according to Alliance members and a handful of residents who have restarted efforts to install a skate park, input for the project should come from those most likely to use it: youths and young adults.

While a specific design was not discussed, two residents, Janet O'Brien of Princeton and Peter Morgan of Montgomery, suggested to Alliance members that the Borough and Township, which have agreed to shoulder half the burden of the park's cost, should host programming and events that would raise skate park awareness for the community at large. Princeton Regional Schools and area skate shops could also get into the act, they said.

Regarding the issue of raising the remaining \$125,000, Borough Councilman Andrew Koontz said last Wednesday when Parks Alliance members met with Ms. O'Brien and Mr. Morgan, that a large portion will come from corporate fund-raising. Recently, the Alliance had raised \$125,000 for a planned permanent lighting project for the Princeton Battle Monument at Borough

Hall, but state grants and a built-in contingent of interested parties were responsible for moving that effort along.

It remains to be seen, Mr. Koontz said, how the community will respond to a skate park.

"I think there's an opportunity to make corporate fund-raising work because unlike the Monument lighting, there are certainly businesses and vendors out there who have an interest in skate parks."

"More skate parks means more people buying their stuff," he added.

Mr. Koontz suggested that community outreach should also be included as part of that overall fund-raising approach. Jack Roberts, executive director of the Princeton Recreation Department, has encouraged a sort of buy-in from the rest of the community — a notion backed by Mr. Koontz because of both the young residents using the park, but also to encourage the support of the adults as well.

To arouse widespread public interest, the Parks Alliance, which is not an official municipal agency, but is composed of several elected and appointed municipal officials, agreed to have a fall kick-off event similar to the temporary lighting ceremony event the Parks Alliance held for the Battle Monument. This event could include a skateboarding exposition featuring area businesses, official sponsors, and local skateboarding professionals.

Alliance member Polly Burlingham said that the negative

view of the skateboarding population could actually work to the fund-raiser's advantage. Residents who dislike the use of public property as board terrain could support a designated park, she said: "We have to really use that angle to educate people because the kids just don't have a designated place to do their sport — it's a valid sport," she added, likening the lack of a skate park to areas with no basketball or tennis courts.

Alliance member Eric Tazelaar suggested playing up the matching grant aspect. Because the Princetons have offered to finance half the park's cost, funds donated from community could be considered as being matched and could create incentives.

Mr. Tazelaar and Ms. Burlingham, as well as Mr. Morgan and Ms. O'Brien, encouraged a junior committee to be involved through the park's planning and fund-raising processes. "We have to make sure we have all the appropriate 'board' certified experts helping out," Ms. Burlingham said.

The Parks Alliance is expected to continue to map out fund-raising strategies and has set a tentative date in November for a kick-off event.

—Matthew Hersh

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Princeton Library Hosts Talk on Darfur Thursday

Albert Nzamukwereka, Director of the Rwanda Chapter of Never Again International, will give a talk on Darfur at the Princeton Public Library on Thursday, September 7, at 7 p.m. The talk will be held in the Community Room and will be followed by a candlelight vigil.

It has been two years since then-Secretary of State Colin L. Powell stated that the atrocities committed in Darfur constituted genocide. In observance of this declaration, RADD (Raising Awareness Destination: Darfur) is presenting the free talk by Mr. Nzamukwereka. Never Again is a collaborative international youth network which aims to provoke ideas and action for peace.

Born in 1978, Mr. Nzamukwereka earned a B.A. in History at the National University of Rwanda in 2003. Besides his work for Never Again, he is a consultant for grassroots outreach with Radio la Benevolencia in Kigali, Rwanda, where he trains local facilitators on discussion and debating techniques and moderates debates on sensitive issues in local communities.

Never Again was founded at the International Mediation and Conflict Resolution Symposium in The Hague in 2001. The organization aims to seek alternatives to violence and to construct creative means of preventing genocide and managing conflicts. It facilitates the exchange of ideas and experiences between young people who have lived through genocide. The Rwanda Chapter of Never Again works in the Great Lakes Region and has organized forums on peace building and genocide prevention, as well as hosting delegations of youth from other countries. The main objective is to develop critical thinking among the youth to ensure that genocide will never happen again.

Since February 2003, an estimated 400,000 men, women and children have died in Darfur as a direct result of the Sudanese government's campaign. Over two million people have been forced to flee their homes. Government-backed Janjaweed militias continue to terrorize displaced Darfuris, the majority of whom now face disease and starvation in overcrowded refugee camps.

The international community has responded with humanitarian aid and stern warnings, but this alone will not end the suffering. The African Union has a small military force in Darfur, but they lack funds, equipment, and a specific mandate to protect civilians.

The crisis requires a United Nations peacekeeping force to stop the violence against civilians, ensure the disarmament of the Janjaweed militias, and help establish lasting peace.

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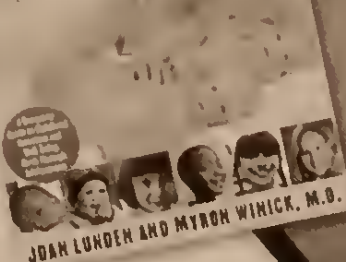
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Princeton Community Foundation Channels the Philanthropic Impulse

There is no shortage of worthy causes and there are plenty of nonprofit groups and individuals in the Princeton community ready to offer their time, energy, and money to them. What is often needed, however, is the financial know-how that connects the two in the most beneficial way. That's where the Princeton Area Community Foundation (PACF) comes in.

In promoting philanthropic giving, PACF aims to strengthen community links across Mercer County and central New Jersey. In addition to providing expertise to individuals, nonprofits, and foundations, PACF also makes grants. Since its founding, 15 years ago, PACF donors have invested over \$18 million back into their communities.

"We connect people who care with causes that matter," said PACF President and Executive Director Nancy Kieling, a West Windsor resident who grew up in Princeton Bor-

ough. "A community foundation is first and foremost about building community," she said.

"PACF serves three primary constituents: donors; nonprofits with which it partners and to whom it grants funding; and professional advisors such as trustees and attorneys.

Take, for instance, the Princeton community's support of New Orleans after last year's hurricane.

"We wanted to do something for New Orleans and formed the Princeton for New Orleans Fund last September. We raised funds throughout the fall and holiday season, but as a group of individuals we needed the help of a nonprofit to distribute the money we raised," said Anne Reeves, founding Director of the Arts Council of Princeton. "PACF was extremely useful."

The foundation sent a grant of \$9,000 on behalf of the Princeton for New Orleans

Fund to the New Orleans Public Library to support the rebuilding of the children's and teen collections.

Greater Mercer Grants

In addition to helping channel funding, PACF has just awarded over \$325,000 to nonprofit organizations in the Greater Mercer County area.

Twenty-four nonprofits receive funding in support of a variety of diverse programs involving children and families, education, housing, health and human services and community engagement.

Five grants went to new initiatives and 19 to provide continued backing for previously-funded programs. The awards bring the year-to-date total of grants distributed through PACF's 160 Charitable Funds to \$2,454,646.

Among the recipients were Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mercer County, which received \$15,000 to support child-mentor matching. Corner House Foundation was given \$15,000 to reduce juvenile delinquency, gang involvement and youth violence. Princeton Senior Resource Center benefited from an award of \$5,000 and Trinity Counseling Service received \$10,000.

Princeton Community Housing (PCH) was granted \$10,000 for its Congregate Services Program serving residents at Elm Court. "The program provides a daily hot meal and some housekeeping that helps to allow our residents to live independently," said PCH Executive Director Sandra Persichetti Rothe. "Without this support, PCH have to draw upon its already very tight operating budget."

"Greater Mercer Grants is a vital part of our ability to provide funding that improves the quality of life for all residents across central New Jersey,"

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said Joan Hollendonner, vice president of programs.

"Donor gifts in support of Greater Mercer Grants over the last 15 years have allowed us to direct millions of dollars into community programs," she said.

"Greater Mercer Grants focus support on current priorities with the greatest impact within Mercer County," said Ms. Kielling. "The common thread is bringing people together, softening the barriers of municipalities, race and religion."

Crossing Borders

Typical of such programs is the Crossing Borders with Literature program run by a

group, People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos, founded by Princeton resident Sarah Hirschman.

"The Princeton Area Community Foundation has been investing in the wellbeing of those in Mercer County communities and the nonprofits that serve them for as long as I can remember," said Executive Director Pat Andres.

"With their community-building grants, PACF is addressing factors that prevent people from connecting with each other. By supporting Crossing Borders with Literature, a program across municipal boundaries, PACF is helping connect people from different townships at the deepest level — sharing the stories of their lives. We are extremely grateful to them

for the work they enable us to do," she said.

"This is philanthropy that matters for all of us," said Ms. Kielling. "Not a case of the haves giving to the have-nots but an instance of building genuine community across boundaries of municipality, race, social barriers."

"Crossing Borders has allowed suburbanites to find common ground with those in the Bo Robinson correctional facility in Trenton," she said.

It is just this sort of program, among many other examples, that Ms. Kielling cites as crucial to the community. Philanthropy matters, she said "because it provides a critical safety net for vulnerable people, and builds important community institutions

(the library, the hospital and the Arts Council) and resources (the Community Foundation), all of which bring people together. Philanthropy is the best way people can direct their resources of time, talent and dollars to accomplish what matters to them. And in so doing they build and support their neighborhoods and towns."

Ms. Kielling spends a lot of her time talking with individuals and organizations looking for help in identifying those nonprofits addressing the issues that are important to them. Conversations with donors sometimes begin with identifying their priorities. Other donors know which issue and which practitioner they want to support and are looking for advice for a strategy that will benefit them.

Building Community

Community foundations are designed so that communities can pool donations into a coordinated investment and grant-making facility dedicated primarily to the social improvement of a geographic area. Unlike the United Way, which raises operating funds annually, they are usually structured as endowments.

According to Ms. Kielling the United Way is like the community's checking account, and PACF is the community's savings account. "Just as a household is healthy when its checking and saving accounts are in good shape," she said, "so a community benefits from having both United Way and a Community Foundation such as PACF."

One difference, however, is that United Way organizes workplace campaigns. PACF doesn't. Another difference is that PACF has a very broad philanthropic landscape that is not limited to health and human services.

Unlike other agencies set up to do good for society, community foundations have a geographic rather than an ethnic or religious focus. They are public charities governed by a volunteer board.

For an individual who wants to leave a legacy for good, PACF can be a good place to go, for advice and as a vehicle. "People give through us

as opposed to us," said Ms. Kielling who spends a great deal of her time speaking with potential individual philanthropists and nonprofits and thinks of the organization as a hub that offers "a unique perspective."

The organization, which is overseen by a board of trustees and run by a staff of seven, two of whom are part-time, takes a one percent administrative fee for its services.

A former corporate lending officer for the Bank of New York and former regional director of admissions for Princeton University, Ms. Kielling describes PACF as a three-legged stool with funds in from donors, funds out to grantees, and investment management as the "legs." In some sense PACF provides the same sort of services as a mutual fund company would. An investment committee is charged with overseeing all investments. "But the management of a non-profit endowment with the intention of perpetuity is different from, say, the management of a savings account," said Ms. Kielling.

History

Ms. Kielling came to PACF in 1994, when the foundation had just \$300,000 in the bank. One of only four community foundations in the State, and one of 700 nationwide, PACF was founded by Stuart Carothers after his retirement as president of Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic.

"As most successful CFs do, it grew out of the local community," reported Ms. Kielling.

"Mr. Carothers gathered around him a group of generous-spirited people who organized themselves into a volunteer board."

Community foundations have a 90-year history that dates to 1914, when Cleveland banker Frederick Goff founded The Cleveland Foundation in response to difficulties in managing small endowed charitable trusts and identifying the most worthy recipients for their income. Mr. Goff divided the work by forming a separate grant-making body so that the bank could continue to make investments while the foundation would efficiently identify grant recipients.

His idea has been emulated by other large cities, and the last twenty years have seen enormous growth in community foundations and in philanthropy across the nation.

PACF, which holds \$42 million in assets, collaborates with local donors including the Harbourton Foundation, Robert Wood Johnson, Jr. Fund, Barbara B. Smoyer Memorial Fund, Marjorie R. Smoyer Fund, Stanley C. Smoyer Fund, Frank E. Taplin, Jr. Fund, Trenton Fund, Whitehead Fund, and the Willy N. Fund, among others. Its Founders Fund, from which it makes grants, can also accept gifts from the public and does receive checks ranging from \$5 to \$8.1 million.

"Having PACF in our community is something to celebrate," says Ms. Kielling. For more information, call (609) 219-1800, or visit www.pacf.org.

— Linda Arntzenius



COMMUNITY BUILDING AT THE LOCAL LEVEL: From left: Nancy Kielling, President and executive director of the Princeton Area Community Foundation with Joan Hollendonner, vice-president of programs. The Lawrenceville-based agency has just announced awards totaling over \$325,000 to 24 nonprofit organizations in the Greater Mercer County area.

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opment would have a negative impact on property values.

This latest episode in the balancing of the scales between development and the rights of the property owner stems from the aforementioned vacant lot within a development known as Carnassa, which has been seen as the future home of a 5,000 square-foot house designed by Hillier Architecture and planned for 50 Random Road. The house proved to be something of a revelation, at least to single-family homeowners in the area. It is designed to have a roof mostly covered with vegetation and soil, otherwise known as a "green roof," and it contains drainage infrastructure that would reduce runoff. Most importantly, however, the design is fully compliant with Township zoning standards and requires no variances: a point not lost on Vicky Bergman, a member of Township Committee and a liaison to the Flood and Stormwater Management Committee.

"It's one of those difficult trade-offs," she said Tuesday. "Of course it would be lovely if it were developed properly."

That is the hope, at least for architect J. Robert Hillier, principal of Hillier Architecture, who said the two-story house was designed with the flood-plagued terrain in mind.

"All the paving is pervious, the roof is sod, and it sits on high ground so it's not floodable," said Mr. Hillier, who is also part owner of Town Topics. "It's in no way adding to flooding by its physical presence."

A portion of the water that hits

the sod roof will evaporate, but what doesn't, Mr. Hillier said, would be collected by sisterns and used for lawn watering and could be used for toilet water.

Some residents were interested in seeing if the Township could purchase the site, turning it into a park or green space through the D&R Greenway Land Trust, but the Township balked at the likely \$900,000 price tag attached to the land. "You look at the numbers on it and we just couldn't do it. Like many issues, there are people on every side of it, and it's got to play itself out," Ms. Bergman said.

Township engineer Robert Kiser said this scenario is a departure from a controversial, 6,000 square-foot house built on a 1.75-acre lot along Littlebrook Road that alarmed members of the Township's Environmental Commission because of its potential impact on runoff and its overall departure from neighborhood character. It should be noted that that house, too, met Township standards.

In this case, however, Mr. Kiser said the increase in runoff is akin to "Route 1 during rush hour and adding two additional cars."

"Nobody's really going to notice a difference," he said.

Patrick Keenan, president of the Carnassa Park Housing Board, said his agency holds no official stance on the proposed house, but that flood concerns have been on the minds of residents for years, and that if the site were developed, it would just have to be done by the "right people."

"We'll just have to wait and see," he said.

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not necessarily fall into COAH's job growth formula.

Regardless, the fact that any affordable units are stemming from this development is a triumph for both the University and municipality, as the Borough labored for months as to how to apply blanket regulations to the local landscape.

Mr. Bruschi said reconstructing the dilapidated units was more of a concern for the Borough than the University simply making cash payments to be held in escrow in lieu of affordable housing, which is also allowable under COAH's mandates. "We don't really want the money, we want the units, and this immediately turns around the units, which is good for us, good for the University, and great for the people that need the

units," he said.

"I don't like using that 'win-win' phrase, but everybody does come out ahead on this one," he added.

Borough Council was expected to vote on a resolution that would give the nod to move forward with an arrangement that correlates new units to the University's ORFE project Tuesday night, after Town Topics press time.

In other news, Council was to be briefed with revenue projections following a second-quarter financial report Tuesday. Mr. Bruschi, in a memorandum issued to Council members and Mayor Mildred Trotman, pointed to a slower-than-usual construction season that has curbed construction fees. However, he went on to say that future projects, including the University's ORFE project, as well as the 100 residences planned for a vacant Palmer Square expansion along Paul Robeson Place could make up for lost revenue.

—Matthew Hersh

Police Blotter

A 22-year-old man from Silver Spring, Maryland, Solomon Turner, was arrested at 7:30 a.m. on August 29 after an unidentified Township resident reported seeing him lying on the ground at the intersection of Terhune Road and Harrison Street. When Township police arrived on the scene, they found the man in possession of two drug pipes, various medications for which he lacked prescriptions, and .5 grams of a substance police believed to be marijuana. A warrant check also revealed him to be wanted on a traffic warrant from Princeton Township and a criminal warrant from Lawrence Township.

Mr. Turner was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and with possession of drug paraphernalia. After posting bail for the Township traffic warrant, he was turned over to Lawrence Township Police for prosecution on their criminal warrant.

Joan M. Barber, 47, of Jefferson Road, was arrested on charges of shoplifting on September 1 at the CVS Pharmacy on Nassau Street. According to police, the accused woman attempted to leave the CVS store with a DVD player she had not paid for. She was taken to Borough Police Headquarters, pro-

cessed, then released with a summons to appear in Borough Municipal Court on September 18.

Four drivers were arrested in Princeton Borough on charges of driving while intoxicated: Dakshesh K. Patel, 27, of Ewing, on August 30; Elonore Prins, 22, of North Brunswick, on September 2; Pascual Ruiz, 46, of Trenton, on September 3; and Sahar B. Moshiri, 22, of Lake Shore Drive, on September 5. All were released with summonses to appear in Borough Municipal Court on September 18.

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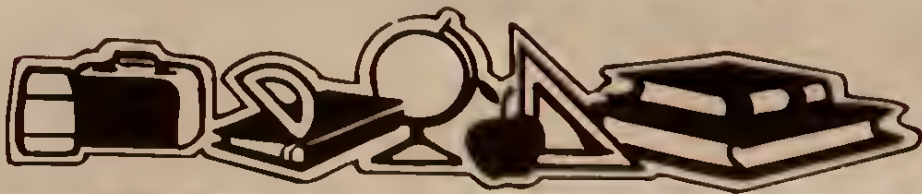
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In the Quest for a Sustainable Princeton Local Businesses Do What Comes Naturally

Earlier this year, the Princeton Environmental Commission launched a Sustainable Princeton campaign that sought to honor and make an example of area businesses and individuals whose actions or professions remove various burdens—financial, energy, materials—from future generations. The initiative also sought to bring awareness to alternate sources of energy, a community's social needs, and economic wellbeing.

"People often use the word wrong," said Wendy Kaczerski, vice chair of the Environmental Commission. "What it's about is people meeting needs without compromising future needs."

While some might argue that a competitive market is what keeps local business districts financially viable, and as such, financially sustainable, downtown Princeton, along with the greater Princeton area, offers a look at financial viability in a market based on a certain level of cooperation.

"Nobody's really competing with each other, and we all work together," said Adam Angelakis, an owner of Olives Gourmet Bakery and Deli on Witherspoon Street. "There's a lot of corporate around here, so we try to support the local businesses—it's a really close-knit community."

Mr. Angelakis specifically pointed to Princeton University and its relationship with privately owned, local businesses. "For any seafood event, they're going to use Nassau Seafood, Small World does a lot of breakfasts and lunch, and even we do a lot of conferences and lunches.

"Everyone's there, you'll see Main Street and Chez Alice, I

mean, everyone's really there."

And of course, it's not just Nassau Street. Businesses like the Bent Spoon on Palmer Square have made it a core philosophy to support area farms instead of using wholesalers.

"We're so lucky here in Princeton, there are just so many farms and it was really easy to jump on that," said Gabrielle Carbone, who owns the Bent Spoon with her husband Matt Errico. As members of the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) and the Honey Brook Organic Farm, Mr. Errico said that working with regional agriculture providers actually helps in keeping variety in, of all things, gelato and sorbet.

"If it's spring, what's in season? Rhubarb and strawberries. So we'll call Terhune to see what they've got. So in that way, it allows us to keep our connections and we know how the farmers are growing their products," he said. "If we can know the farmer and know their practices, that's better. And if we can keep the money in the community to support these farms, it supports open space and could prevent another strip mall from going in," he added.

Jack Morrison, owner of Nassau Street Seafood Company, Witherspoon Grill, and Blue Point Grill (which features Bent Spoon ice cream on its menu), said he has worked with local businesses over the years. "We try to keep it all local, right down to the local hardware store," he said. But when it comes to the culinary end of things, he said he's worked with everyone from Georges Roasters &

Ribs, Kalluri Komer, Tiger Noodles, the Whole Earth Center, and Terhune Orchards.

And like Mr. Errico and Ms. Carbone, Mr. Morrison uses local farmers for a good portion of produce, this time going with the Lawrenceville-based Village Farms, which provides all of Blue Point Grill's and Witherspoon Grill's corn and tomatoes. Mr. Morrison also purchases poultry and other meats from local vendors. The list is endless: "Yeah," Mr. Morrison said with a laugh, "if you think about it, we use a whole group of people—it's just so important."

So what's the benefit on the business end?

"By businesses like myself and others doing this, quietly, we're pumping dollars back into the neighborhood—you know you like to support the locals, but you never really notice how much it helps," he said.

So we have the village, but a sustainable one? Princeton's on track, the Environmental Commission's Ms. Kaczerski said, but not quite there: "Let's continue on the path we're on, but we have to broaden it."

—Matthew Hersh

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FEEDING, LITERALLY, OFF ONE ANOTHER: Nassau Street Seafood Company is one of several local food vendors that supports other local businesses as part of a business plan stemming from a general philosophy that putting money into the local economy benefits both ends. (Photo by George Vogel)

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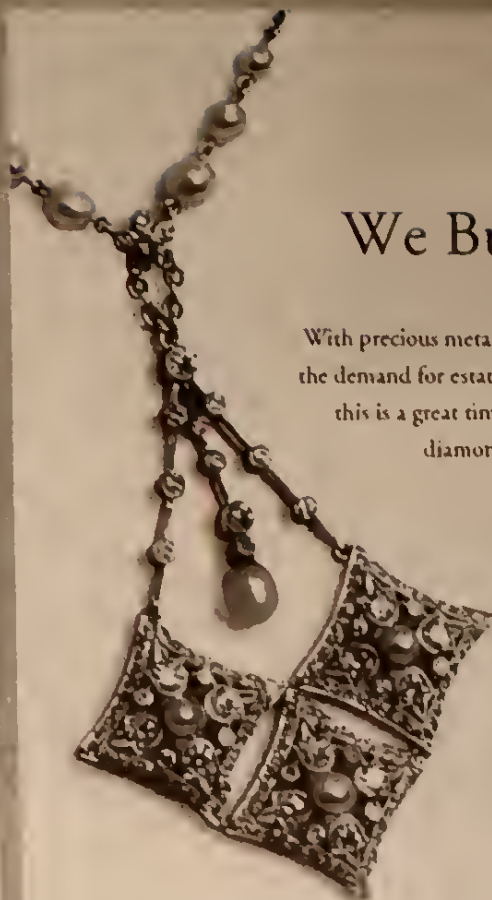
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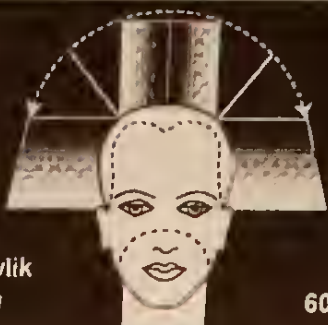
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For information about the club and membership, call Kathleen Brady at (609) 921-8857.

The Master Gardeners of Mercer County will host their Fourth Annual Insect Festival this Saturday, September 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Mercer County Compost Site and Gardens on Federal City Road, Pennington. The free event will include a puppet show, costume parade, games and crafts, hayrides, and insect displays.

For more information, visit www.mgofmc.org.

CHADD of Princeton-Mercer County (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder)

will meet on Tuesday, September 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Riverside Elementary School, 58 Riverside Drive West. The speaker, Carrie Greene, a professional organizer and AD/HD Coach, will discuss "Organizing your Student for School Success."

CHADD is a national organization for children and adults with AD/HD. Meetings are open to the public. One hour is dedicated to facilitated small group discussions, the other to speakers and watching videos covering topics affecting individuals and families with AD/HD.

For more information, call Jane Milrod Jemas at (609) 683-8787.

The Princeton Girl Scouts will hold an open house at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 14 in the Township Municipal Complex Community Room. Parents are encouraged to attend to learn about the Girl Scout program.

The Girl Scout organization welcomes girls joining Princeton troops at all grade levels: Daisy (kindergarten and first grade), Brownie (first to third grade), Junior (fourth to sixth grade), Cadette (sixth to ninth grade), and Senior (ninth to twelfth grade).

The Princeton Girl Scout Service Unit is a member of the Girl Scouts of Delaware-Raritan Council. The overall mission is to provide a fun, encouraging environment within which girls can develop strong values, leadership skills, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. For more information, call Susan VanderKam at (609) 683-0735 or visit www.princetongirlscouts.org.

The Garden Gate Garden Club of Lawrenceville will start its new season on Monday, September 18 with a 7 p.m. meeting at the Lawrence Road Presbyterian Church, 1039 Lawrence Road. Returning speaker Jeannie Francis of My Grandmother's Garden will present a program on the "Incredible Edible Flowers." Ms. Francis, who specializes in herbs and native and heirloom plants, will share recipes, edible flower snacks, and methods on growing and using them.

The public is invited to attend the program. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Carol Nicholas at (609) 895-1520.

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4 organic tomatoes, sliced
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1½ cups grated mozzarella cheese
1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1 large organic potato, boiled, cooled, and sliced thin
1 medium organic zucchini, sliced
½ cup olive oil plus enough to brush eggplant slices and oil pan

Slice the eggplant into ½-inch rounds. Sprinkle with salt and weigh down in a colander to release the bitter juices, about 30 to 60 minutes. Blot slices with paper towels. Place slices on a broiler pan, brush with olive oil, and broil for 3 to 4 minutes per side. Set aside to cool.

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Mix together breadcrumbs, basil, and parsley. In a separate bowl, lightly beat eggs with black pepper.

Oil a 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Coat bottom and sides of pan with ¼ of the breadcrumb mixture.

Arrange a layer of eggplant slices in pan. Drizzle 1 to 2 tablespoons of olive oil over the top, then sprinkle with ¼ of the breadcrumbs, and 1/4 each of the mozzarella and Parmesan cheese. Pour ¼ of the beaten egg mixture over the top.

Arrange the potato slices in a single layer. Top with another layer of the oil, breadcrumbs, cheeses, and egg. Arrange the zucchini in a single layer, followed by another layer of the oil, breadcrumbs, cheeses, and egg. Arrange a layer of tomato slices and top with a final layer of oil, breadcrumbs, cheeses, and egg.

Bake, uncovered, for 45 minutes. Allow casserole to sit for 10 minutes before serving.

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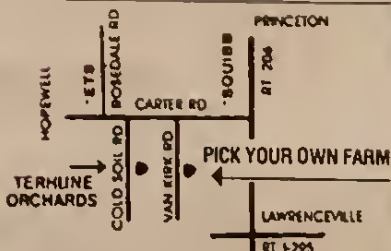
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CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 6

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. For reservations, call (609) 683-0057.

2 and 8 p.m.: *The Full Monty*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

5 to 7 p.m.: Jazz in the City concert with Cindy Blackman Quartet; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Free.

7 p.m.: Darla Rich Quartet; Fedora Cafe, Lawrenceville.

7:30 p.m.: Talk, "New Orleans: The Struggle to Rebuild," with Princeton Public Library Director Leslie Burger and others; Princeton Public Library.

Friday, September 8

4 to 8 p.m.: YWCA Princeton "Main Event" open house; YWCA, Robeson Place.

5 to 9 p.m.: Trenton2nite concert with Lynn Randall Jazz Band; Trenton Marriott Hotel.

6 to 9 p.m.: Trenton2nite concert with Clifford Adams

& Inner Flight; Maxine's, South Warren Street, Trenton.

7 to 10 p.m.: Ping Pong Night for Adults; Plainsboro Municipal Building.

8 p.m.: *Fronkenstein*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Honk!*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *The Birthday Party*; McCarter Theatre. Also Saturday at 3 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedian Barry Diamond; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 9

8 a.m. to noon: Annual Yard Sale; Lutheran Church of the Messiah, 407 Nassau Street.

6:30 p.m.: "Pops at the Pub" with Carm & John blues band; Halo Pub, Hulfish Street.

7 p.m.: Tony Mennella and Dick Braytenbah Trio; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

7 p.m.: Blue Curtain concert of Latin music with Trio Cristal and Afro New Yorican bands; Pettoranello

Gardens, Community Park North. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Acoustic Eido- lon in Concert; Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton.

7:30 p.m.: Gospel Praise Fest with Martha Munizzi and Tye Tribbett and G.A.; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton.

8 p.m.: Singer-songwriter Luke Elliot; Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center, Princeton Shopping Center.

Sunday, September 10

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1:30 p.m.: Third Annual Drum Up for Music Educa-

tion; Princeton Public Library plaza.

6 p.m.: *When Blue Skies Cry* dance program; Reflecting Pond, Ron R. Rogers Arboretum, West Windsor. Free.

6 p.m.: World Wrestling Entertainment; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton.

7:30 p.m.: Concert of jazz and kirtan music with Wynne Paris and Badal Roy; Princeton Center for Yoga & Health, Skillman.

Tuesday, September 12

Noon: Concerts on the Landing Series, with Cedric Jensen jazz band; War Me-

morial, Trenton

7:30 p.m.: *The Birthday Party*; McCarter Theatre. Also Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13

10:30 a.m.: Readings Over Coffee, "Tales Ghostly, Tales Ghastly"; Princeton Public Library.

11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m.: Estate Park and Nature Tour, Duke Farms, Hillsborough. Also Thursday through Sunday. For reservations call (908) 722-3700.

2 and 8 p.m.: *The Full Monty*; Bucks County Play-

house, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

5 to 7 p.m.: Jazz in the City concert with the Valery Ponomarev Quartet; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Free.

Thursday, September 14

10:30 a.m.: Contemporary Fiction Discussion, "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close"; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board of Princeton; Township Municipal Complex.

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MAILBOX

Quark Park Security Wrangle Seen As "Princeton Bureaucratic Bungle"

To the Editor:

I read with great dismay about the security debacle concerning Quark Park. How is it that in a town as wealthy as ours, where citizens pay outrageous property taxes, that whenever a small scale community project tries to engender a bit of spirit into this otherwise staid little village, someone finds a snag, runs with it, basically shutting the project down? For goodness sake, let's find the \$30,000 and be done with it. Let's support our artists and imaginative thinkers. Stop renewing the same pieces of roadway, employ fewer police, and lend full support to creative community projects such as this little park.

The orange tape, erected as a safety measure, now ironically serves as a fitting metaphor for yet another Princeton bureaucratic bungle.

MONICA SMITH
College Road West

Arts Council's Use of Non-Union Labor Dishonored Memory of Paul Robeson

To the Editor:

I was surprised and dismayed that Reed Construction and the Arts Council chose to employ non-union labor to build its renovation, especially in view of the Arts Council's being named for Paul Robeson.

This is a betrayal of the principles that Paul Robeson stood for. As one of the picketing union workers recently said, "Paul Robeson would be spinning in his grave." If cost was a factor, the building design should have been less elaborate so that only union labor could be used and Paul Robeson could be honored in spirit, instead of in name only. Shame on Reed Construction, the Arts Council, and whoever else was involved in this egregious decision.

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BOOKS

Children's Book Author Brings BATSmobile to Princeton Next Week

Sixth grader Maddy Lies was just 7 when she made the remark that set her father thinking about bats and beaches. Getting ready for school one morning, she noticed a curious pattern of frost on the windowpane, and exclaimed: "Look, it's a bat in seafoam."

Maddy's father, children's book author and illustrator Brian Lies, was intrigued. The shape did indeed look like "a happy bat waist deep in the ocean."

It also inspired the image that illustrates the title page of Mr. Lies's latest book, *Bats at the Beach*, published in April and listed #2 on the New York Times Children's Best Sellers and selected for the Book Sense 2006 Summer Children's Pick List.

Bats at the Beach is a whimsical riff on the idea of bat families excitedly preparing for a night at the shore, moonbathing (don't forget the moon-tan lotion), burying

friends in the sand, flying kites, surfing, feeding the gulls, and picnicking — all of the things that Mr. Lies remembers doing himself as a kid, but with a unique twist.

"I thought it was an interesting pairing," he said, of the coupling of furry night creatures more often associated with Halloween, capes, and witches than with sunlight, beach towels, and candy floss.

Underlying the fun, of course, is a serious message to kids (and their parents, too): bats are not so scary after all. According to Bat Conservation International (see www.batcon.org), bats do more good than harm, a sentiment recently echoed by Princeton Animal Control Officer Mark Johnson, who described bats as the animal he most prefers to handle. They pollinate crops and eat their body weight in bugs, which is probably why much of Mr. Lies's book is taken up with picnicking and snacking.

His bats are partial to bugmallows, and rather than hang out in the snack bar, they hang from its ceiling to enjoy tasty moths and other critters.

Princeton Childhood

Born in 1963, Mr. Lies grew up on Cherry Hill Road and recalls Princeton as "a quiet college town, surrounded by old farmland slowly giving way to housing developments."

He is the son of Princeton poet Betty Lies, a member US 1 Poets' Cooperative and a Dodge Poet in the Schools who retired from teaching at Stuart Country Day School after 30-some years.

As a child, Mr. Lies spent days playing in the woods around Princeton, building dams and forts. He kept a variety of pets, including newts, gerbils and rabbits.

A cherished memory is of lying in the grass outside his home and listening to the whiz and hum of insects and watching the bats that would appear at dusk.

Since then he's had other encounters with the furry creatures. One seems particularly auspicious, in hindsight. Shortly after he turned in the book's manuscript to Houghton Mifflin, he went sailing with friends. They found a bat "hitchhiker" on board. "It was dislodged when we raised the sail and it spent the day hanging from a grommet at the bottom of the sail, asleep," he said.

At the end of the day when the boat settled into Salem Harbor in Massachusetts (the town of witches), the bat woke at dusk and flew off. Shortly after the incident, Mr. Lies heard that his book had been accepted for publication.

Including *Bats at the Beach*, Mr. Lies has illustrated 19 books since his first for Houghton Mifflin in 1989, *Flatfoot Fox and the Case of the Missing Eye*. He is the author of two other titles: *Hamlet and the Enormous Chinese Dragon Kite* and *Hamlet and the Magnificent Sandcastle*.

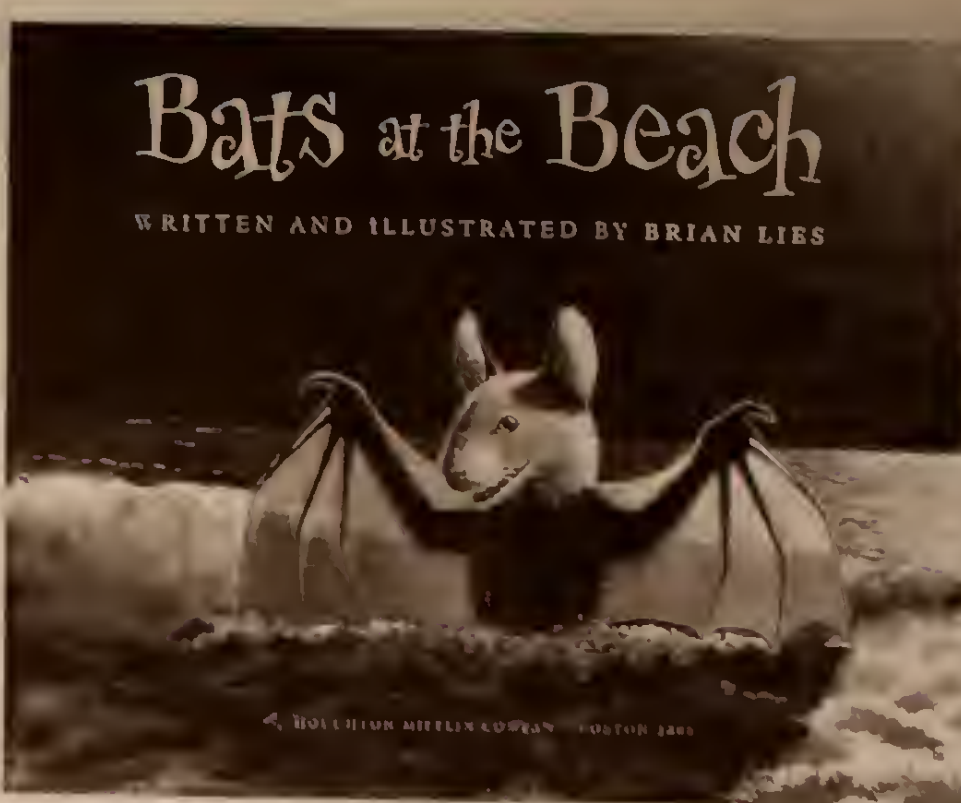
His began his career, however, as an editorial and political illustrator, working for the Christian Science Monitor and the Boston Globe, and other news media.

The seeds of an artistic future were sown in 5th grade when the New Jersey children's book illustrator Harry Devlin visited Mr. Lies's school. "Until then it hadn't dawned on me that people actually made books as opposed to them being delivered fully formed from Mount Olympus," he remembered.

He thought it amazing that someone could have a job writing and drawing. "I wished it could be my job," he said. But it wasn't until he was out of college that he seriously pursued an art career.

After high school, Mr. Lies attended Brown University where he studied psychology and British and American literature with the thought of becoming a children's clinical psychologist.

Keen for a future that would involve art in a fundamental way, however, he moved to Boston in 1985, in order to pursue drawing and painting at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, where he



A HAPPY BAT IN SEAFOAM: The title page of "Bats at the Beach" by Brian Lies was inspired by an image on a frosty windowpane observed by the Princeton-area author's daughter. Published in April and already #2 on the New York Times Children's Best Sellers List, the book presents bats in a different light. The author will be at the Princeton Public Library's Children's Book Festival, on Saturday, September 16.

won several prizes for painting.

A regular illustrator with Cricket, Spider, Ladybug and Babybug magazines, his cover illustration for the September, 2005 Spider Magazine won the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators' Magazine Merit Award in April.

Mr. Lies enjoys visiting schools to work with students on writing and illustrating stories. He lives in a seaside town in Massachusetts with his wife and daughter, their two cats, a hamster, and, yes, a small colony of bats in the attic.

Visiting Princeton

Since the book's publication, Mr. Lies has been traveling to book events from Maine to New Jersey in a bat-decorated vehicle named the BATSmobile that is due to arrive in Princeton next week when he will be one of almost 30 authors and illustrators taking part in the Princeton Public Library's Children's Book Festival, on Saturday, September 16.

The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Princeton Public Library, will take place on Saturday, September 16, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. outdoors at the Library Plaza.

In addition to Mr. Lies, participating authors and illustrators include Pat Brisson (*Melissa Parkington's Beautiful, Beautiful Hair*), Margery Cuyler (*Battlefield Ghost*, set at Princeton Battlefield), Joan Elste (*True Blue*), Robin Friedman (*The Silent Witness*), Deborah Helligman (*Fun Dog*),

Sun Dog), Irene Kelly (*It's a Hummingbird's Life*), Jean Hanff Korelitz (*Interference*), Herman Parrish then decorate using assorted edibles. Mr. Lies suggests Rostoker-Gruber (*If Men Had Babies*), and Iza Trapani (*The Itsy Bitsy Spider*), among others.

Bugmallows

Ideas for making bugmallows and pictures of them are given on Mr. Lies's website (www.brianlies.com) where they are described as a great rainy day group activity: fun to make and fun to eat.

Mr. Lies is particularly partial to pretzels with marshmallows. "They are actually pretty good," he said.

To make your own bugmallows, push a popsicle stick into a large marshmallow and then decorate using assorted edibles. Mr. Lies suggests Rostoker-Gruber (*If Men Had Babies*), and Iza Trapani (*The Itsy Bitsy Spider*), among others.

Before they eat their bugmallows, Mr. Lies invites children and parents to take pictures of their creations and send them to the *Bats at the Beach* website, www.brianlies.com, where a selection will be added to the Bugmallow Hall of Fame.

— Linda Amtzenius



HAPPILY HANGING WITH THE BATS: Brian Lies has a lot to smile about. His latest book, "Bats at the Beach", which he wrote and illustrated was published in April and promptly selected for the Book Sense 2006 Summer Children's Pick List. Following a June radio reading and reviews by children's book author Daniel Pinkwater and NPR host Scott Simon, the book rose to a #2 ranking on Amazon.com. It's already in its third printing.

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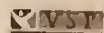
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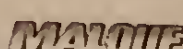
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QUESTION: My wife recently ticked me off when she said that "being married to the strong silent type is boring." I told her that she ought to count her blessings, as I don't cheat on her, drink too much, or go out with the guys all night. What more does she want?

ANSWER: She wants more of YOU. You are looking at what she is saying backwards. Instead of hearing criticism, why not hear it as her belief that you are capable of so much more. You define being a good guy by what you do not do, when actually it is defined more in terms of what you do.

Our growth rests upon the choices that we make. Ironically, not making a choice is a choice. You are choosing not to grow, to stagnate, to hide behind the mask of being macho. Your wife is starving to death emotionally because you will not let her, or anybody else, see the real you. The tragedy is that the inner you is far more powerful and attractive than the outer image you portray. However, while your wife is suffering, the main one losing in this picture is you.

Yes, you are not guilty of any sins of commission. But, you are guilty of sins of omission, as you are choosing not to pursue your God-given abilities for your own growth, or that of others. I suggest that you take the advice of your wife and express yourself more, ultimately for your own happiness and maturity. Here are some examples of what I mean:

- **Wife:** While not cheating on your wife, how about telling her how much you love her, taking her out to dinner, and sending her occasional cards and flowers. Tell her what some of your feelings are: what brings you up or down, letting her in so that she can love you.
- **Children:** While not beating your kids, how about spending some time with them. Listen to their concerns about performance in school or sports, and their own insecurity of not measuring up to their friends.
- **Parents:** While not being disrespectful to them, if you are blessed to still have them living, how about calling them up and visiting them more than just on Mother's and Father's Day. Tell them how much you appreciate the years of parenting they gave you, now that you are giving the same to your children.
- **Friends:** While not ripping them off for money or favors, how about lending an ear if they are going through a divorce or being downsized. Or, if they are sick, how about paying them a visit and showing how much you care.
- **Fellow Employees:** While not participating in racial jokes or sexual harassment, how about confronting those who do, both to stop the abuse and hopefully start the healing. Soon, you will be noticed as a strong leader, instead of taking your silence for granted.

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Moholy-Nagy: "Like a Telegraph Wire Transmitting Strange Secrets"

Before plowing through Saturday's Ernesto-driven rain to visit "Technical Detours: The Early Work of Moholy-Nagy Reconsidered," which opened Friday at the Zimmerli in New Brunswick, I researched László Moholy-Nagy online and found that after leaving Hitler's Germany in 1934, he lived in London. According to the Google genies, he resided in a Hampstead complex of flats with a community kitchen, where it's tempting to imagine him cooking bangers and mash with another ex-Bauhaus luminary, Walter Gropius. In his three years in London he also created special effects (eventually rejected) for fellow Hungarian Alexander Korda's science fiction movie *Things to Come*; worked on a film about the sex life of the lobster; designed a mobile exhibition to tour the British empire in a railroad car for Imperial Airways; and became display consultant for Simpsons of Piccadilly, creating abstract compositions of striped shirts and bowler hats. In 1937, at the invitation of the chairman of the Container Corporation of America, he came to Chicago to establish an American version of the Bauhaus that, after some difficulties, became the Institute of Design. He died in Chicago in 1946 at the age of 51.

When you ride the magic Google carpet, you don't always know where it's taking you. That I landed in London in the period following the 1918-1923 span covered by "Technical Detours" was fine with me since I wasn't familiar with Moholy-Nagy's art and was curious to see the works for which he's best known. The web provided a dazzling tour (see www.artcyclopedia.com), and on my way to the Zimmerli, I kept thinking of a piece I'd seen on the National Galleries of Scotland link. According to the description on the site, *Sil 1* was "incised" on a "new type of aluminium" called silberit (thus the title): "Aluminium had associations with new technology and also satisfied Moholy-Nagy's desire to, as he put it, 'paint with light,' since the material was reflective ... and gave the impression that the colour was floating in front of it." That impression was still with me the next day as I drove to the exhibit, prompting me to imagine the vertical pattern of thread-thin silver lines Moholy-Nagy carved into the subtle sheen of the aluminum taking the form of the steady, driving rain lit by the headlights of oncoming vehicles cutting through the downpour that was coating the hood of my car. One thing this artist does is open your mind (or your mind's eye) to the everyday interplay of nature and machinery we usually take for granted.

The Poetry of Technology

Walking through the Special Exhibition Galleries at the Zimmerli, I couldn't help wishing there were more works like *Sil 1*. The posted commentary's reference to Moholy-Nagy's "early International Constructivist paintings" in relation to *Architektur 1*, the feature attraction in the Zimmerli show, suggests a subject and style alien to "painting with light." Yet something like a visual equivalent of that technical/poetical dialectic is what this artist is all about; he brings the two seemingly disparate forces together in almost everything he does, including *Architektur 1*, which is painted in metallic oil pigment and graphite on the

other side of a "Constructivist" painting he had apparently rejected and which you view against the raw wood backside of the same frame.

Moholy-Nagy (he added the "Moholy," after the village he was born near) began as a writer, contributing short stories and poetry to Hungarian journals; the translations of his poems on display show that the technical was already closely integrated with the poetical; in "Like a Telegraph Wire Transmitting Strange Secrets" (1918), the theme and the language of a love poem are metaphorically energized by the language of his chosen medium; he not only speaks of living "as a wire" and the desire "that all transmissions might run through me," but transforms passion to electricity, "every moment alternating with the fire of her lust"; "It's through me her charge courses" and "it's me her secret power electrifies."

The material Moholy-Nagy used in his earliest artwork was supplied by the Austro-Hungarian army. After surviving trench warfare at the Russian front during World War I, he made more than 400 drawings on military-issued postcards, some of which are on display at the Zimmerli. The first piece that catches your eye, however, is "Barbed Wire Entanglement" (1918), which is done with grease pen on paper and is so antithetical to the clean lines of his characteristic work as to represent a visualization of the formal barrier he's already well on his way to transcending the same year with two oil paintings focused on the industrial suburbs of Budapest. The picture with the title translated as "Factory Landscape" (1918) is clearly

that: you can see the buildings and the smokestacks but while a Monet or Whistler might make you think you could smell (or at least see) the smoke, all you can "smell" here is the paint. The colors and the purity of the forms matter more than the subject. Each picture is a beautiful improvisation on reality, each discovering the abstract design latent in the scene. Again, it's the work of an artist who is already blending poetry and technology. In the oil on acidic composition board from 1918-19 with the uncertain title "Landscape (Bridge at Óbuda Hajógyár?)," Moholy-Nagy has moved even closer to the cleanly stylized clarity of his later work, this time painting the factory buildings the color of light, a slightly paler version of the same sunset hue dominated by the blue-black sky and heavier, darker factory buildings in the earlier painting. The effect is also much more fluid and curvilinear, with lines flowing in the foreground (a portion of the bridge and the futuristic-looking thoroughfare unwinding from it) and background where the thin red arcs spanning the sky have little to do with nature or reality or industry and a great deal to do with the creative excitement of an artist following the trajectory of his imagination as he redesigns the firmament.

You can also see Moholy-Nagy coming into his own in a pair of boldly sketched and remarkably intense portraits done in graphite and grease crayon, one of which is of his first wife Lucia's former lover. Both studies are densely, extravagantly worked, with no open spaces, none of the Brancusi-style simplicity of line you might expect; everything seems to be ferment-

ing in a kind of inky chaos but not at the expense of a recognizable result. You feel you are not only seeing an accurate image of the subject but the interior complexity of his character. At the same time, neither portrait (nor the self-portrait done in the same aggressive style) is the sort you would expect an artist to casually bestow on a friend. In each case, the art consumes the person it depletes.

On view with these portraits, by the way, is Moholy-Nagy's photographic study in silver gelatin of Lucia — one of the exhibit's rare examples of the area of his genius that was to manifest itself in his "photograms," many of which can be seen on the George Eastman House website.

An Excess of Context

So far this review has been faithful to the title of the show, which suggests that the early work of Moholy-Nagy is the sole subject. The truth is that if you were to count how many of the artist's pieces are on display compared to the number by his contemporaries in Budapest, Vienna, and Berlin, the proportion would be, at best, maybe 50/50. While it makes sense to locate an artist in the context of time and place, Moholy-Nagy's works should substantially outnumber the others, if only because he's more interesting and more accomplished. Another quibble: at one point, the posted commentary seems to be promising visitors that they are about to see examples of the "veritable funhouse of stylistic excess" the artist worked within in 1920 in Berlin, but nothing you see merits the build-up. What you do see are some interesting but hardly excessive set designs from 1920 for *Die Menschen* and a series of untitled hieroglyphical linocuts that show how far this artist had moved from what the commentary calls "ordinary figuration." The images do have a sense of fun but there was a good deal more "stylistic excess" in the abovementioned portraits.

The two most impressive contributions the exhibit itself makes are the Moholy-Nagy-style gateway to the show, and Peter Yeaton's digital animation of the artist's Kinetik-Constructive System, which actually has more of the "funhouse" about it than anything from the Berlin period. Besides putting a Moholy-Nagy construct in motion, it reminds you that his art found many outlets, including film, architecture, and one venture in particular that predated the psychedelic lightshows of San Francisco by 40 years. Begun during his Bauhaus period and called the "Light Prop for an Electric Stage," it was a huge kinetic sculpture capable of color, light, and movement, all contained in a box with a porthole through which the audience watched the machine responding to a two-minute illumination sequence created by 116 coloured lightbulbs flashing on and off. Yeaton's light show may not be quite so dazzling but it should not be missed, and since it's the last thing you see as you exit, you may want to sit down and get acclimated to "ordinary figuration" before you venture out, especially if you're driving a car. A Moholy-Nagy-in-motion can make you drunk if you look at it long enough.

—Stuart Mitchner



"LANDSCAPE (BRIDGE AT ÓBUDA HAJÓGYÁR?):" Painted in 1918-19, this oil on acidic composition board by László Moholy-Nagy is one of the most substantial works on display in "Technical Detours: The Early Work of Moholy-Nagy Reconsidered," which opened Friday at the Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick. The show can be seen in the Voorhees Special Exhibition Galleries and will run through October 31. The museum is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for museum members, Rutgers students, faculty and staff (with ID) and children under 18. Admission is free on the first Sunday of every month. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext 610.

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"Fin de Siècle" presents the interwoven influences of Symbolist art, Secessionist movements, and the rise of elite camera clubs, whose amateur members were keen to adapt the lessons of contemporary art to the darkroom. Decadence supplies a recurring leit-motif. Peter Henry Emerson's platinum print photograph "The First Frost" (1886) portrays a remote rural outpost falling to the forces of nature, while a feverish self-portrait by James Ensor, from the same year, finds the bedridden

artist facing off against a crowd of mocking demons.

Sequences of work explore the themes of landscape, city life, artists' portraits and self-portraits, and — as a new century dawns—pregnancy, birth, and youth.

On view in the exhibition are works by such artists as Eugène Atget, Gertrude Kasebier, Gustav Klimt, Edvard Munch, and Alfred Stieglitz.

Modernist Art explores the growing role of avant-garde "isms" in art from the turn of the century to the eve of World War II, with works from the collection exemplifying Expressionism, Futurism, Dada, the New Sobriety (Neue Sachlichkeit), and Surrealism, among other movements. Highlights include a seldom seen watercolor of a bather by Paul Cézanne, a painted wood wall relief by Jean Arp, and Pablo Picasso's cartoon-like print "The Dream and Lie of Franco" (1937), a grotesque travesty of fascism and the

horrors of the Spanish Civil War.

Three rare publications from Firestone Library provide examples of the periodicals through which vanguard innovations were disseminated. Photographs by August Sander, Alexander Rodchenko, László Moholy-Nagy, and others underline the camera's central creative role in a new technological era.

The exhibitions were organized and coordinated to accompany two fall semester courses at Princeton University, "Twentieth Century Photography" (Art 348), taught by Anne McCauley, the David H. McAlpin Professor of the History of Photography and Modern Art, and "Modernist Art: 1900 to 1950" (Art 213), taught by Hal Foster, the Townsend Martin '17 Professor of Art and Archaeology, and chairman of the Department of Art and Archaeology.

The exhibitions are open to the public without charge.

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"ROSE": This watercolor is among the works in Karen Bannister's exhibit, "A Mixed Bag," on view at the Hopewell Frame Shop's Gallery from September 9 through October 28. An Open House will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, at the gallery at 24 West Broad Street.



JULY IN PROVENCE: Local artist and author Richard Preston at work in Provence as a participant in the Highland Studios summer art workshop.

Weekend Exhibition Due At Hopewell Station

This July a group of Hopewell-Princeton painters and photographers participating in a summer art workshop led by artist/photographer Karen McLean, founder of Highland Studios in Hopewell, "followed their bliss" through fields of lavender in the Val de Saunt, Provence. Examples of their artwork will be displayed together with work of other of Ms. McLean's students in an exhibit at the Hopewell Train Station, Railroad Place, Hopewell, next weekend, September 8 through 10. The exhibit opens Friday evening with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m., and can also be seen on Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Led by Ms. McLean, the group included men and women and a family of five with three teen-aged children. They stayed in a small hotel with a swimming pool and a lavender-scented spa where they were served Provencal meals on the outdoor terrace overlooking the lavender fields in the valley with Mt. Ventoux in the background.

In other summers Ms. McLean has led workshops in Tuscany, Paris, and Ireland. In addition to art instruction, these workshops have included tours to art-historical sites, museums, and famous gardens. Throughout the regular school year, weekly classes and mini-workshops in picturesque locations in the United States are also scheduled. Registration is now open for the fall 2006 classes, which will run from September 15 through December 5 at Highland Studio, 20 Lindbergh Road, in Hopewell.

Ms. McLean, who holds a B.F.A. degree from Cornell University, founded Highland Studio in 1980. Her teaching method combines personalized training in the techniques of art with reference to Art History. Classes are kept small, so that each student can receive the instructor's

personal attention. Courses are offered this semester in drawing and painting in various mediums, such as watercolor, pastel, oil, and acrylic, at all levels from beginner to advanced, as well as one course for experienced students who choose to work on independent projects with individual instruction and critiques.

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Morpeth Gallery Exhibits Work by Marvin Friedman

Hopewell's Morpeth Gallery is presenting "A Life Illuminated," an exhibit of works by illustrator Marvin Friedman, from September 6 through October 4. There will be a reception for the artist on Sunday, September 10, from 2 to 5 p.m.

For more than 20 years, Mr. Friedman's work appeared in Life, the New Yorker, Playboy, the Saturday Evening Post, and Ladies Home Journal, among others. He often

recruited family and local Hopewell and Princeton residents for models. Currently a resident of West Trenton, Mr. Friedman lived in a 22-room house in Hopewell with his wife and four children from 1966 to 1984. His most familiar work may be the renderings he did of deluxe restaurants in Manhattan for Gourmet Magazine.

Hampered by depression, and with the art form of magazine illustration becoming virtually extinct, Mr. Friedman began drawing and painting

for himself. Large-scale mixed media collages emerged, consisting of autobiographical imagery and remnants of notes written to loved ones during the depth of depression.

"A Life Illuminated," pays tribute to both Marvin Friedman's commercial and personal art. The gallery is located at 43 West Broad Street in Hopewell; hours are Wednesday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, call (609) 333-9393.

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"DOG SLEEPING": This photograph by Edward Fausty can be seen at The Bernstein Gallery at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, which is hosting "A Fragile Utopia: Studios and Spaces of 111 First Street," through October 20. A reception will be held on October 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.



"THE CARLYLE RESTAURANT": This watercolor by Marvin Friedman will be on view from September 6 through October 4 at the Morpeth Gallery in Hopewell. There will be a reception for the artist on Sunday, September 10, from 2 to 5 p.m.



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Bernstein Gallery at WWS Presents 'A Fragile Utopia'

The Bernstein Gallery at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs is hosting "A Fragile Utopia: Studios and Spaces of 111 First Street," an exhibit of photography by Edward Fausty that will run from now through October 20. An artist reception will be held on October 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The story of 111 First Street, an old factory building in Jersey City, is about the tension between 200 artists and a billionaire landlord. When it became clear that the artists might be forced to leave their homes and studio space, one of them, Mr. Fausty, felt compelled to photograph the studios and public space in the building, in order to record the "fragile utopia" that had been his home and community.

"A Fragile Utopia" portrays more than a story between speculative absentee landlord/developers and the local citizens impacted by their projects and more than a chronicle of the demise of a special building and community. While the history behind the project and the specific details of each photograph are intended to orient the viewer, the enjoyment of these images, according to the curator, "goes well beyond the factual details," each picture being "a visual equivalent of a William Trevor short story set in New Jersey." Whether Mr. Fausty focuses his lens on objects in a storage cabinet, or a ripped poster on a bathroom wall, or the gaping hole in the ground where a building once stood, there is "a palpable sense of nostalgia, mixed with the gothic and comic." While there are usually no people in this photographic narrative, their presence can be felt, and the mood is one of compassion for the individuals working to make something habitable out of an inhospitable environment.

After completing his BFA at Cooper Union, Mr. Fausty went on to receive his MFA from Yale School of Art. At Yale, he became interested in ink on paper, influenced by MacArthur fellow Richard Benson, a master lithographer and photographer. He then began to explore the medium of collotype, in which gelatin plates yield continuous tone screenless ink prints from photographic negatives. For the next twelve years, he worked with this technique, eventually buying his own press. The images in "A Fragile Utopia" are all made on medium format color film and then scanned and output onto Arches rag paper using wide-format pigmented digital ink-jet technology.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Mixed Bag" by Bannister At Hopewell Frame Shop

Local award-winning watercolorist Karen Bannister will have her second solo show at the Hopewell Frame Shop's Gallery from September 9 through October 28. She has exhibited in a variety of local shows and was the first prize recipient at the 2004 Garden State Watercolor Society Associates' Show. Abby Frantz, founding owner of the Hopewell Frame Shop, will kick off the exhibit — appropriately titled "A Mixed Bag" — at an Open House from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, at the shop's Broad Street location. Patrons are encouraged to stop by, enjoy the artwork and refreshments and meet the artist.

Of her most recent work, Ms. Bannister said: "I was looking for an unusual perspective for painting and art shows and exhibitions throughout the year. Regular instead of full portraits. I had a wonderful time." In Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Dearly Beloved," she brings her then-teenage daughter's 3 p.m. For information on current and future events, contact "Steve's Knees," she takes Abby Frantz at (609) one of her most familiar models and focuses on his knees. hopewellframeshop@comcast.net

more one learns," said Ms. Bannister, whose paintings have been featured in several exhibitions at Phillips' Mill, the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Gallery, the Arts Council of Princeton, the Delaware & Raritan Greenway Annual Juried Exhibition and the Montgomery Center for the Arts Annual Juried Exhibition.

After studying organ performance at Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio, she moved to Hopewell Township with her family and started painting in Marietta Kust's Informal workshop at St. James Church in Pennington. For 25 years, she worked in the Music Department at the Princeton University Store, eventually becoming the department manager. She has studied with Ron Lent, Elizabeth Lombardi, Charles and Lucy McVicker, and Michael Madigan.

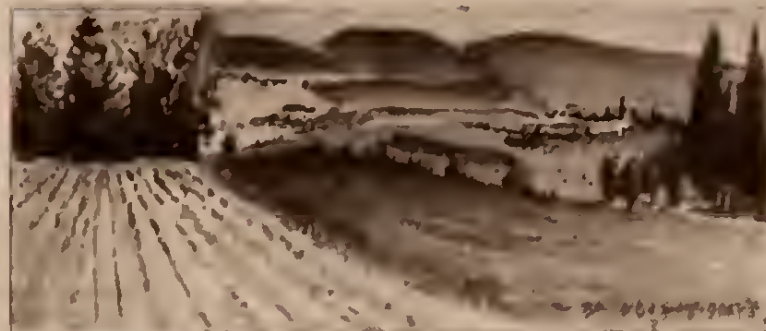
Located at 24 West Broad Street in Hopewell, the Hopewell Frame Shop hosts painting and art shows and exhibitions throughout the year. Regular hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information on current and future events, contact "Steve's Knees," she takes Abby Frantz at (609) one of her most familiar models and focuses on his knees. hopewellframeshop@comcast.net

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be held on October 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Gallery at Chapin will be presenting "Memories," an exhibition of the watercolors of Deborah Paglione, through September 28. The public is invited to an opening reception for the artist on Wednesday, September 13, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell, is preparing its 5th Anniversary exhibit, "Photographs from the Imagination," featuring two member photographers, Rhoda Kassof-Isaac and Martha Weintraub. The exhibit will open on September 8 and continues through October 8. The public can meet the photographers on Sunday, September 10, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Hopewell Frame Shop Gallery is exhibiting

work by local watercolorist Karen Bannister, who will have her second solo show from September 9 through October 28.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is hosting a major new exhibition (see this week's review), "Technical Detours: The Early Work of Moholy-Nagy Reconsidered," through October 31. Soviet Propaganda Posters, Part III, will be on display through October 1; "Serialities, Part 2: Repetition and Narrative in Soviet Nonconformist Art," through September 17. "In and Around Dzizhenie (The Movement Group)" will be on view in the Dubrow Galleries through October 8. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext. 610, or visit www.zimmerli.museum.rutgers.edu.

The Morpeth Gallery in Hopewell is presenting "A Life Illuminated," an exhibit of works by illustrator Marvin Friedman, from September 6 through October 4. There will be a reception for the artist on Sunday, September 10, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Princeton Day School will showcase ceramic dogs created at nine local schools for Princeton Dog Walk 2006 in a special exhibit from September 6 to 14 at the Colross administration building. The exhibit will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting "Fin de Siècle," which traces the evolution of Modernism from the 1880s to the 1940s and will be on view in two side-by-side exhibitions featuring more than 50 works on paper from the collections of the museum and the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Firestone Library. The exhibits will be on view from September 9 through January 14, 2007.

The Straube Center Art Gallery will open the fall 2006 season with a special exhibit by local, national, and international artists; the opening reception is set for 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, in Suite 1-19 at 108 Straube Center Boulevard in Pennington.

The University Medical Center at Princeton is hosting an exhibit by the Princeton Photography Club that will run through September 13.

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On Saturday morning, August 26, the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to a nursing home for an unresponsive elderly female. According to the facility's staff, the patient, who had been refusing food and liquids for up to two weeks, was all right the previous evening, but could not be roused in the morning. The EMS crew found that she was unresponsive to verbal and painful stimuli and had an elevated blood pressure and pulse rate. She was rushed to University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) for treatment.

The Squad responded to a construction site on Tuesday August 29, for two workers who fell about ten feet when the scaffolding they were on collapsed and then landed on top of them. One worker, who was briefly knocked unconscious as a result of the fall, suffered head, neck, back, and abdominal pain. The second

worker suffered lacerations and leg and back pain. While EMTs treated and immobilized the workers, the Squad's rescue technicians set up a low-angle rope-lowering system to safely remove them from the second floor scaffolding. Both patients were transported to Capital Health Systems — Fuld Campus for treatment.

Later that afternoon, the Squad didn't need to travel very far to reach their next call as a motor vehicle collision occurred directly in front of the Harrison Street headquarters. According to reports, the driver of the single-vehicle collision turned too early while attempting to enter the shopping center parking lot and struck a pole. After indicating that he had no injuries, he refused medical care and transport to the hospital.

Early Friday morning, September 1, the Squad responded to a report of an overturned vehicle in the woods. When the Squad arrived, they found the vehicle unoccupied, but with blood inside. Rescuers searched the area and a search-and-rescue

dog was called in. Police also checked the registered owner's local address, and the two occupants of the vehicle were located at the residence about three hours later. Both had minor lacerations but refused medical care and transport.

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MUSIC AND THEATER

New York Philharmonic To Visit State Theatre

New Brunswick's State Theatre will kick off its 2006-07 classical season with a premiere performance by the New York Philharmonic, led by Music Director Lorin Maazel, on Friday, September 29 at 8 p.m. The concert marks the Philharmonic's first appearance at the State Theatre.

The program will include Weber's *Overture Overture*, Mozart's *Symphony No. 40*, and Beethoven's *Symphony No. 3, Eroica*.

In conjunction with the performance, the theater is hosting its 2006-07 Classical Sea-

son Opening Celebration. A complimentary pre-performance talk will be offered to all ticket holders. Concert tickets range from \$60 to \$90, with group, college student, and senior discounts available. The Opening Celebration tickets begin at \$250 per person.

Founded in 1842, the New York Philharmonic is the oldest symphony orchestra in the U.S., and one of the oldest in the world. The orchestra currently plays 180 concerts a year. In December 2004, it gave its 14,000th concert, a milestone unmatched by any other orchestra in the world.

Long considered a progressive orchestra, the New York

Philharmonic became one of the first orchestras to broadcast a live concert in 1922, and in 1930 was the first to broadcast a performance coast-to-coast on radio. The orchestra has performed in 416 cities, 57 countries, and on five continents. Since 1917, it has recorded nearly 2,000 albums, with more than 500 currently available.

Mr. Maazel began his tenure as music director of the New York Philharmonic in September 2002. Over the years, he has led more than 150 orchestras in more than 5,000 opera and concert performances. His extensive discography includes recordings with The Cleveland Orchestra, Vienna Philharmonic, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Berlin Philharmonic, and Bavarian Radio Orchestra. As a violinist, Maazel has appeared as soloist with numerous orchestras. He is also an accomplished composer, and is currently composing an opera based on George Orwell's 1984.

The speaker for the concert's pre-performance "insight," titled *Cutting-Edge Classics: New York Philharmonic*, will be Raymond Wojcik, a composer, conductor, and music educator. The talk will be given at 7 p.m. at New Brunswick's United Methodist Church.

The Classical Season Opening Celebration ticket includes hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at New Brunswick's Verdigr Restaurant and a dessert reception with the artists after



JAM SESSION SUNDAY: A collection of hand drums and smiling faces are expected to fill the Princeton Public Library plaza this Sunday, September 10 during a public drum session that will follow a 1:30 p.m. children's concert featuring Alex Mitnick and the Kaleidoscope Band. The event will be hosted by the Princeton-based nonprofit, Modern Improvisational Music Appreciation (MIMA), which promotes music appreciation via free music lessons for children throughout the U.S. A recipient of several Parent's Choice Awards, Mr. Mitnick serves as MIMA's educational director, overseeing after-school programs for inner-city children in Ewing, Newark, New Brunswick, and Trenton. The "3rd Annual Drum Up for Music Education," as the Library event is officially known, will conclude with the public jam session, open to adults as well as children.

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Voices Chorale is a volunteer chorus with one third of its members currently studying music or voice. It performs masterworks and repertoire ranging from early to new music. Highlights of the 2006-07 season are the Candles and Carols concerts in December and the Brahms Requiem in April. As part of its community outreach program, the Chorale also performs in retirement communities and nursing homes. The chorale has performed at Carnegie Hall and in Europe over the past years and is planning a musical tour to Germany and Italy in May 2007.

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Riverside Symphonía Sets Schedule for New Season

The Riverside Symphonía, which holds its concerts in Lambertville at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, has announced its concert schedule for the upcoming 2006-07 season. Season tickets are now on sale.

The concert series will begin in late October and continue through May. Mariusz Smolij, the Symphonía's music director and conductor for the past ten seasons, has led more than 70 orchestras on four continents.

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The concert schedule is as follows: October 27 and 28, "Music from the Heart," featuring music by Rimsky-Korsakov, Tchaikovsky, and Kalinnikov; December 1 and 2, Christmas concert; February 9 and 10, "Strings Through the Ages," featuring music by Mozart, Chopin, Shostakovich, and Panufnik; April 14 and 15, Handel's *Israel in Egypt*, with the Bucks County Choral Society; May 25 and 26, "Baroque and Beyond," featuring music by Bach, Schubert, and Stravinsky.

Season subscriptions and single tickets may be purchased by calling the Riverside

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Head of Boychoir School To Retire at End of Year

After 13 years with the American Boychoir School, president Donald B. Edwards has announced his retirement, effective December 31 this year. Dr. Charles G. Bickford will succeed Mr. Edwards as the school's new president on January 1, 2007.



Donald B. Edwards

Mr. Edwards informed the board of trustees a year ago of his plans to retire this year. The board chairman, Dr. Chester Douglass, appointed a strategic planning task force to begin transition planning and search for a successor. After a 6-month search, Dr. Bickford was selected.

"We regret Don Edwards' decision to retire," Dr. Douglass said, "but we are grateful for his service, which has enriched the School significantly over his tenure. As president, Don Edwards has secured outstanding new leadership in both the music and

academic programs and has positioned the School for a stable and exciting future."

Dr. Bickford, a native of Morristown and graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, is a scholar of medieval literature who earned his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1973. For 18 years he was executive director of the New Hampshire Humanities Council. He recently served as interim president of the Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, N.H.

Mr. Edwards' tenure with The American Boychoir began as a member of the board of trustees, serving as a music steward and a member of the executive committee. During his eight years as vice president and president, the school raised more than \$12 million in gifts and grants. The funds endowed the position of the music director and a scholarship to honor the school's founder, Herbert Huffman. They also financed major improvements to Albemarle, the 1917 mansion that houses the School's classrooms, rehearsal halls and offices.

Founded in 1937 and based in Princeton, New Jersey, The American Boychoir is the nation's leading concert boychoir. The choir has toured in Bermuda, Denmark, Japan, Latvia, Sweden, and Taiwan; has performed with the Berlin Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, The Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Vienna Philharmonic; and has made numerous appearances on national TV, including the 77th Annual Academy Awards Ceremony in 2005.

"I have always had a passion for choral music, beginning with my college days in the Yale Glee Club," said president Edwards. "It has been a privilege for me to serve as a member of the American Boychoir School staff. I will be working hard to maintain our upward momentum until my retirement, while coordinating closely with Dr. Bickford to ensure a smooth transition in leadership."

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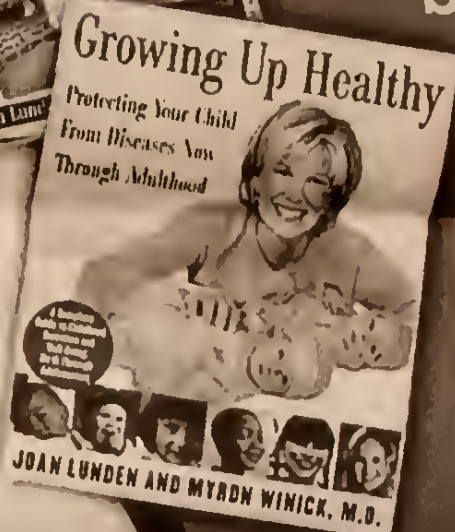
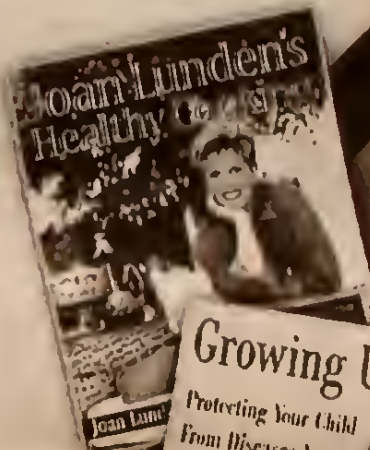
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PUPPET FEST: An afternoon of puppet theater will take place at the Montgomery Center for the Arts on Sunday, September 17, when Tucker's Tales Puppet Theater returns to the Center with two shows, "Aesop's Fables" beginning at 2 p.m., and "Cirkus" at 3:30 p.m. Tom and Marianne Tucker will perform the shows, appropriate for children 3 and older. Games and refreshments will be offered between the shows. "Cirkus," pictured, features a ringmaster and his clown assistants who bungle magic tricks and chase escaping circus animals. Adult tickets are \$15 for MCA members, \$18 for non-members. Tickets for children under 13 are \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members. To order, call (609) 921-3272. The Montgomery Center for the Arts is located in the 1860 House at 124 Montgomery Road, Skillman.

"An Inspector Calls" Due At College of New Jersey

Shakespeare '70, Mercer County's only classical repertory company, will perform J.B. Priestley's classic chiller *An Inspector Calls* at The College of New Jersey September 21 through September 30. Performances will be in the Don Evans Black Box Theater, in TCNJ's Kendall Hall, Thursdays through Saturdays, September 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, September 24 at 2 p.m.

The play is set in England in the spring of 1912. The Birlings are having a party to celebrate the engagement of

their daughter, Sheila, to Gerald Croft, the wealthy son of a business rival. Everyone is feeling very pleased with themselves until a police inspector pays them a visit, informing them that a young girl has just been found dead. One by one, the members of the group are confronted by the inspector regarding their involvement with the girl. Did they know her? Did they have a hand in her death? The Inspector seeds a confrontation among the Birlings, leading, as the tension builds, to revelations about the hidden vices and confusions behind the facade of the outwardly virtuous Birling household.

An Inspector Calls will be directed by Carol Thompson of New Hope, Pa., and produced by Kathy Garofano of Morrisville, Pa. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for students, with a special rate of \$10 available for groups of ten, seniors, and TCNJ faculty and staff. For more information, including directions to the theater, visit www.shakespeare70.org.

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"A Pocketful of Rhymes" Coming to Kelsey Theatre

The musical revue *A Pocketful of Rhymes*, which invites children and their parents and/or grandparents to sing along with Mother Goose, will arrive at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre for five shows at the end of this month. Show times will be Friday, September 29

at 7 p.m., Saturday, September 30 at 2 and 4 p.m., and Sunday, October 1 at 2 and 4 p.m.

Kristin Heiser of Bucks County will star as Mother Goose, sharing the stage with 19 children in roles that include Little Miss Muffet as a flapper, Humpty Dumpty as a swing dancer, and Elvis crooning *Little Girl Blues*.

Among the nursery rhymes presented with an international flair are *Mary Had a Little Lamb* from the Far East, *There Was An Old Woman* performed as a traditional Israeli dance, *Little Bo Peep* and *Simple Simon* as characters in a Louis XIV-era music box, *Jack Be Nimble* flamenco-style, *Little Jack Horner* doing the tarantella, *Tom the Piper's Son* playing the Scottish bagpipes, Russian boatmen dancing to *Hi Diddle Diddle*, and Jack Sprat performing an Austrian waltz.

The children in the cast will include Connor Kraft of Princeton, William Burke and Dominique Jones of Lawrenceville, Devon Hittelman, Pierce Hittelman, and Riely Hittelman of Ewing, Eric Leiggi of West Windsor, Lucas Cheng of East Windsor, and Bailey Outerbridge of Pennington.

The show will be directed by Diane Wargo with musical direction by Pat Masterson, choreography by Jacqui Mihalik, and costumes by Lorraine Wargo.

Tickets are \$8 for children and seniors, \$10 for adults, and may be ordered by calling the Kelsey Box Office at (609) 570-3333.

The Kelsey Theatre is located on MCCC's West Windsor campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road.

Acting Classes for Teens To Be Offered at MCCC

The Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College has announced that it will offer acting workshops for teenagers in grades 7 through 12 this fall. The course was developed by, and will be overseen by, Graffiti Productions.

Titled "Tomato Patch On-Screen and Off-Screen," the course is a ten-week session that will be held Saturday mornings from October 7 to December 9, from 9 a.m. to noon. Classes will be held on MCCC's West Windsor campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road.

The program is the first to be offered for teens by the Theatre during the school year. It was conceived as a continuation of the college's popular Tomato Patch Visual and Performing Arts summer workshops.

According to Tomato Patch coordinator Tracy Antozzeski, the college received numerous requests from middle and high school students who enjoyed their summer experience in Tomato Patch so much they wanted to continue their performance work during the academic year.

Students will focus on acting skills for stage, television, commercials, and film, and terminology for stage and film. They will create dramatic pieces and commercials. Their work will be filmed during their ten weeks of class and viewed at a premiere screening for family and friends on the last day. Each student will receive a DVD copy of the film.

Instructors include Dan Spalluto, who directed Tomato Patch's summer master class for high school students, and Jesse Swanson, a Tomato Patch staff member who is pursuing his degree in applied theatre arts at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

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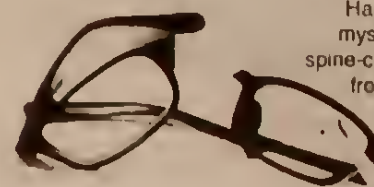
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CINEMA REVIEW

Invincible

Underdog Tale of NFL Triumph Spun Into Shopworn Saga

By the summer of 1976, Vince Papale (Mark Wahlberg) had just about bottomed-out. The 30 year-old substitute school teacher had been laid-off and was working part-time at a neighborhood tavern, when his wife (Lola Glaudini) left without notice — taking everything in their house that wasn't nailed down. She left a note which told her husband that she was leaving because "You'll never make any money and you'll never make a name for yourself."

While crying on the shoulder of his best friend and bar owner Max (Michael Rispoli), Vince saw a television news report that the Philadelphia Eagles would be holding a tryout that was open to the public. He wondered whether this was a legitimate attempt to improve the prospects of the Eagles, which had had 11 straight losing seasons, or a publicity stunt by the new head coach Dick Vermeil (Greg Kinnear).

Egged on by his buddy and by bar patrons, who'd seen him play in sandlot pick-up games, Vince decides to give it a shot. If successful, he'd become the youngest rookie ever to enter the NFL, an amazing feat because he hadn't played football in college. It is this against-the-odds effort which is the subject of *Invincible*, a Disney sports saga in the tradition of two similar bio-pics: *The Rookie* (2002) and *Remember the Titans* (2000).

Unfortunately, this film fails to measure up to either of those films. *Invincible's* flaw is that first time director Ericson Core takes too many liberties with the truth, which

makes Papale's real-life story almost unrecognizable, and reweaves it into an improbable fairy tale.

For instance, the movie makes it appear that Vince had never played organized football before the NFL, when he had, in fact, starred for two seasons with the Philadelphia Bell until the World Football League (WFL) folded in 1975.

So, he wasn't actually an unknown quantity but already something of a local legend. Furthermore, on the strength of his performance in the defunct WFL, he had actually been invited to a private tryout by Coach Vermeil.

Ignoring the revisionist history of *Invincible*, there remains the question of whether *Invincible* is a worthwhile film. It is a cleverly scripted, often funny movie, complete with romance. Vince recovers from his bitter break-up with his wife after Janet (Elizabeth Banks) arrives from New York to tend bar for her cousin, Max. She soon becomes interested in her new co-worker Vince. The only threat to their budding relationship is that she is a rabid Giants fan who wears her team's jersey everywhere she goes.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE A GIANTS FAN? Vince (Mark Wahlberg, left), can't believe that anybody living in Philadelphia can be anything other than an Eagles fan. Janet (Elizabeth Banks), however, sticks to the Giants even if it means losing her new boyfriend.

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This picture is likely to capture the imagination of kids under the age of ten who are unfamiliar with such formulaic fare. Anybody older has probably seen this tale more artfully told several times before.

Good (★★): PG for sports action, and mild epithets. Running time: 104 minutes. Studio: Walt Disney.

—Kam Williams



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Accepted (PG-13 for sex, expletives, and drug use). A film about a high school senior (Justin Long) rejected by every university he applied to who comes up with the bright idea of opening the prestigious sounding South Harmon Institute of Technology, so that he and other similarly-situated misfits can trick their parents into believing that they've actually gone on to college.

Barnyard (PG for rude humor and scenes of mild peril). Family-oriented animated feature about a motley collection of mischievous farm animals led by a carefree cow (Kevin James) who enjoys playing tricks on humans till a crisis arrives calling for him to summon up the courage to act responsibly. With voiceovers by Wanda Sykes, Courteney Cox, Danny Glover, Sam Elliott, Andie MacDowell, and director Steve Oedekerk.

Beerfest (R for sex, nudity, expletives, substance abuse and crude humor). Over-the-top comedy about a couple of brothers who travel to Germany to scatter their grandfather's ashes during Oktoberfest only to end up participating in a centuries-old rowdy ritual known as the Olympics of beer drinking. Cast includes writer/director/co-star Jay Chandrasekhar, co-collaborator Kevin Heffernan, Mo'Nique, Cloris Leachman, and Jurgen Prochnow.

Boynton Beach Club (Unrated). Romantic comedy, set at a retirement community in Florida, revolves around assorted liaisons among a group of senior citizens whose lives intersect at a bereavement group designed to provide emotional support for anyone who's lost a loved one. Ensemble cast includes Dyan Cannon, Sally Kellerman, Michael Nouri, Joseph Bologna, and Brenda Vaccaro.

The Covenant (PG-13 for sex, expletives, partial nudity, intense violence, and disturbing images). Horror film about four classmates at an elite prep school who share a sacred, supernatural ancestry which can be traced back to the 1600s. The vow of silence about their secret bubbles up to the surface when a fellow student turns up dead and the murder looks like the work of an evil relative representing a banished fifth bloodline.

Crank (R for sex, expletives, nudity, drug use, and violence). Jason Statham stars in this thriller about a hit man injected with a lethal poison which will kill him if his heart rate drops who only has an hour to save his girlfriend (Amy Smart), find an antidote, and to wreak vengeance on the creeps who want him dead. With Dwight Yoakum and Efen Ramirez.

Crassover (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Inner-city drama about a couple of best friends and basketball phenoms, one (Wesley Jonathan), determined to attend UCLA to become a doctor despite pressure from agents to turn pro right after high school, the other (Anthony Mackie), a dropout whose NBA hoop dreams were dashed when he took the rap on an assault charge to help keep his friend out of jail.

Half Nelson (R for sex, expletives and drug use). Inner city drama chronicles the unlikely friendship between a crack-addicted, white school teacher (Ryan Gosling) and one of his students (Shreeka Epps), a precocious 13 year-old who is aware of his problem. Cast includes Anthony Mackie as a dirty drug pusher.

Haw ta Eat Fried Worms (PG for bullying and crude humor). Based on Thomas Rockwell's popular children's novel of the same name, this kiddie adventure revolves around the efforts of an 11 year-old boy (Luke Benward) to earn respect at his new school by accepting a bully's bodacious dare to eat ten worms in one day.

Idiocracy (R for profanity and sex-related humor). Beavis and Butthead creator Mike Judge wrote and directed this science fiction comedy about an underachiever (Luke Wilson), picked as the guinea pig in a top-secret, Pentagon hibernation program, who awakens 500 hundred years in the future to discover he's suddenly the brightest person on the dumbed-down planet. With Steven Root and SNL alum Maya Rudolph.

Idlewild (R for profanity, nudity, sexuality and violence). Musical melodrama, set in a speakeasy in the South during Prohibition, about the efforts of a cabaret singer (Big Boi) and a piano player (Andre 3000) to keep their nightclub free of mob influence. Expanded cast includes Terrence Howard, Paula Jai Parker, Faizon Love, Macy Gray, Bill Nunn, Ving Rhames, Cicely Tyson and Ben Vereen.

The Illusionist (PG-13 for sex and violence). Edward Norton stars in this romance drama, set in turn-of-the-century Vienna, about a lowly magician who puts his powers to use to win back his childhood sweetheart, a princess (Jessica Biel) who is set to marry a crown prince (Rufus Sewell).

Invincible (PG for sports action and mild epithets). Inspirational bio-pic, based on the real life gridiron exploits of former NFL wide receiver Vince Papale, stars Mark Wahlberg as a 30 year-old walk-on who tries out for the Philadelphia Eagles despite never having played football in college. Cast includes Greg Kinnear as Coach Dick Vermeil, and ex-NY Jet-turned restaurateur Stink Fisher as Denny Franks.

Lassie (PG for moments of peril and mild epithets). Classic collie franchise is revived for another heartwarming adventure. Set in Scotland on the eve of World War II, this installment has the pet reluctantly sold to a rich Duke (Peter O'Toole) before embarking on a hazardous, 500-mile journey to reunite just in time for Christmas with the little boy (Jonathan Mason) who raised him.

Little Miss Sunshine (R for sex, expletives, and drug use). Road comedy about a dysfunctional family's ordeal driving by VW bus from Albuquerque, NM to Redondo Beach, CA in order to enter their chubby, bespectacled seven year-old (Abigail Breslin) in a beauty pageant. Cast includes Greg Kinnear and Toni Collette as her doting parents, Alan Arkin as her grandpa, Steve Carrell as her suicidal uncle, and Paul Dano as her mute brother.

Material Girls (PG for mild epithets and rude humor). Hilary and Haylie Dufl star as heiresses to a cosmetic fortune who get a reality check when a financial scandal suddenly strips them of all their wealth. With Anjelica Huston, Brent Spiner, Lukas Haas, Obba Babatundé, Maria Conchita Alonzo, and Olympic sprinter Carl Lewis.

The Quiet (R for nudity, profanity, violence, drug use, and graphic sexuality). Dysfunctional family drama, set in Austin, about a deaf mute orphan (Camilla Belle) who moves in with her godparents (Edie Falco and Martin Donovan) and their disturbed daughter (Elisha Cuthbert) only to discover that they have some sordid skeletons in their closet.

Quinceañera (R for sex, expletives and drug use). Coming-of-age tale about the ordeal of an almost 15-year-old Mexican-American girl (Emily Rios) who is forced out of the house by her father following the revelation that she's pregnant. The expecting teen is taken in by her elderly great-granduncle (Chalo Gonzalez) and gay cousin (Jesse Garcia).

Snakes on a Plane (R for sex, expletives, drug use, terror, and violence). Disaster film/crime saga pits a drug kingpin about to go on trial against an FBI agent (Samuel L. Jackson) escorting an eyewitness to court on a flight from Hawaii to Los Angeles. Chaos reigns at 30,000 feet over the Pacific when a ruthless assassin releases hundreds of poisonous snakes sending passengers and crew into a panic.

Step Up (PG-13 for mature themes, brief violence, and sexual innuendo). Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan co-star in this romance about a prima ballerina from a privileged suburban background who finds the perfect partner in a break dancer who perfected his moves on the streets of Baltimore. Supporting cast includes Oscar-nominee Rachel Griffiths and rapper Heavy D (sans "The Boyz").

Talladega Nights (PG-13 for off-color humor, profanity, violence, and drug references). NASCAR action comedy featuring Will Ferrell as a race car daredevil who teams up with his best friend (John C. Reilly) to take on the flamboyant, European formula one champion (Sacha Baron Cohen) who has arrived from France with every intention of becoming America's stock car king.

Trust the Man (R for sex and expletives). New York relationship drama revolves around an examination of two couples in crisis, one, an actress (Julianne Moore) married to an unemployed ad executive (David Duchovny), the other, a long-term liaison between the thespian's morbid brother (Billy Crudup) and his children's book author girlfriend (Maggie Gyllenhaal).

The Wicker Man (PG-13 for disturbing images, profanity, violence and mature themes). Nicolas Cage stars in Neil LaBute's remake of the 1973 horror film based on the Anthony Shaffer novel of the same name. The story revolves around the disturbing disappearance of a young girl at a secretive pagan community whose inhabitants are not inclined to help the police crack the case. With Leelee Sobieski and Ellen Burstyn.

World Trade Center (PG-13 for profanity, disturbing images, and intense and emotional content). Oliver Stone's take on 9/11 approaches the terrorist attacks from the perspective of the two New York City transit policemen (Nicolas Cage and Michael Peña) who were the last people pulled alive from the wreckage at Ground Zero. Cast includes Maggie Gyllenhaal, Stephen Dorff, Maria Bello, William Mapother, and Nicholas Turturro.

—Kam Williams

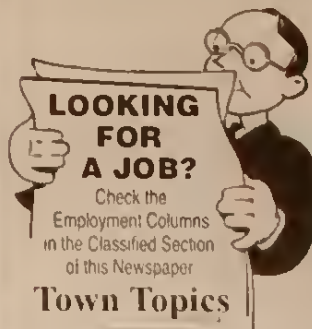
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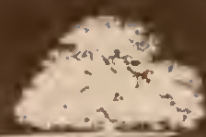
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With Wunsch Standing Tall as Captain, Feisty Tiger Men's Soccer Starts 1-0-1

Jame Wunsch can sense that this year's Princeton University men's soccer team has a special feistiness.

"In the four years I have been here, this team is the one that has everyone fighting for the ball to get that goal," said senior captain Wunsch, a second-team All-Ivy League pick at defender in 2005.

"There is not one guy on the field or one guy on the bench that I don't think can help us. In college soccer, it's all about who wants it more. I think that's going to be in our favor."

The Tigers certainly showed their fight last Friday in their season-opener against visiting Stanford as they fought through a downpour and a determined Cardinal side to earn a 0-0 tie.

Two days later, Princeton's nose for the ball paid major dividends in a clash at Loyola. Starting the second half trailing 1-0, the Tigers exploded for three goals on the way to a 3-1 triumph.

Dan Cummins got Princeton on the board 10 minutes into the half as he converted a cross from Ben Harms. About 20 minutes later, Zach Schwarz knocked in the eventual game-winner with Kyle McHugh and

Brian Brady assisting. Mike Jester knocked in an insurance goal with just over five minutes remaining as Princeton improved to 1-0-1.

As the leader of a veteran back line, Wunsch feels that the Tiger defense should be a constant for the club. "I think I've played with Matt [Kontos] and Zach [Schwarz] for three years now," said the lanky 6'2, 175-pound Wunsch, a native of Londonderry, N.H. "We know each other well; there are no excuses for us. Some of the younger guys need to get into the flow."

Once everybody gets into the flow, Wunsch believes the Tigers will be dangerous. "I think we are definitely a very fast and creative team up the field," asserted Wunsch. "At times that may get in our way because we're not getting that final shot off. That'll come with time and once it does, we'll be much better."

Princeton head coach Jim Barlow likes the mentality he sees on the 2006 club. "I think we are a feisty team; we can connect and put plays together," said Barlow, whose club will look to keep on the winning track when it hosts American on September 8 and then travels to Fairleigh Dickinson on September 12.

In Barlow's view, Wunsch and his crew on the back line have to be solid. "I think we can defend well as a group," explained Barlow after the tie with Stanford.

"We knew that we had an experienced group in the back. We looked a little further along defensively than we looked up the field. There were a lot of good ideas and plays that were close to being pulled off but we didn't quite do enough to create chances on attack."

Barlow got some creativity from freshman starters Devin Muntz and Harms. "Devin is a real good player," asserted Barlow. "Ben got to the end line twice in the second half. For their first game, I thought they stepped in and did pretty good jobs."

In the wake of the win over Loyola and the anticipated return of some top performers, Barlow is confident his team can find a good rhythm.



AIR BALL: Princeton University senior captain Jame Wunsch, right, flies high to win a ball in the Tigers' season-opening 0-0 tie with Stanford last Friday. Wunsch's aggressive play and leadership has helped PU get off to a 1-0-1 start.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



IN HARMS' WAY: Princeton University freshman Ben Harms sends the ball towards the goal last Friday in the Tigers' 0-0 tie with Stanford. Two days later, Harms chipped in an assist for his first college point to help Princeton to a come-from-behind 3-1 win at Loyola. Princeton, now 1-0-1, will host American on September 8 before playing at Fairleigh Dickinson on September 12.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

"We still have some key guys missing like Matt Care, who is almost there," said Barlow of the former Hun School star who did get off the bench in Princeton's win last Sunday.

"Dustin Kahler has a high ankle sprain; he was going to start today but he sprained his ankle in training. Ted Wolfson tore his MCL over the summer and he'll be back this week. So we still have a number of guys to add to the mix."

Adding senior goalkeeper Justin Oppenheimer to the mix has paid dividends for the Tigers. Oppenheimer, who had no career appearances before last weekend, has looked sharp at the outset. The 6'1, 180-pound native of Newton, Mass. recorded six saves as he posted a shutout in the tie with Stanford. He had four saves Sunday in earning his first career victory.

"Justin did a real good job," said Barlow

in reflecting on the keeper's debut. "He looked confident and he handled his plays well. He's a big leader back there. For his first time on the field, I thought he did a real good job."

Wunsch, for his part, is determined to do a good job as team captain.

"I've always been the kind of guy that tries to get things together," said Wunsch, who has been a starter since his freshman season.

"I'm definitely going to feel more responsible for a win or loss. If we give up goals, it's on our back. You can stop a guy 19 out of 20 times but it's that one time that people are going to remember."

If Wunsch and his teammates can maintain the fighting spirit they have displayed so far, it could be a fall to remember for the Tigers.

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Rebounding from U.S. Setback at Worlds, PU Lax Great Striebel Savors 2nd MLL Title

It was one of the more miserable moments in Matt Striebel's otherwise glorious athletic career.

With the rain pouring down in London, Ontario this past July 22, Striebel, a former soccer and lacrosse star at Princeton University, commiserated with his U.S. teammates after they fell 15-10 to Canada in the title game of the 2006 International Lacrosse Federation (ILF) World Championship tournament.

It was the U.S.'s first loss in the tournament since 1978, snapping the team's 38-game winning streak in the quadrennial event.

But that stinging defeat sowed the seeds of Striebel's latest triumph as the high-scoring midfielder helped lead the Philadelphia Barrage to the Major League Lacrosse (MLL) championship.

Striebel scored eight points on four goals and four assists to lead the Barrage to a 17-12 win over the Boston Cannons in the MLL semis. In the title game, the 6'1, 190-pounder tallied nine points on four goals (including one two-pointer) and four assists as the Barrage cruised past the Denver Outlaws 23-12 in Los Angeles.

Striebel's former PU teammates, Ryan Boyle and B.J. Prager, also came up big as the Barrage won its second MLL crown in three years with Boyle passing for four assists and Prager chipping in three goals and an assist in the win over the Outlaws.

In reflecting on his up and down summer, Striebel, a member of the U.S. team that won the 2002 world title, acknowledged that the loss to Canada stung.

"I think frustration is a perfect word," said Striebel, reflecting on the world championship game.

"Going into it we felt a tremendous amount of responsibility knowing that the U.S. had been winning for the last 28 years. It was by far the most talented team I've been on, going in the expectations were high. I think Canada won 75 percent of the faceoffs in

the title game, possession is so important in lacrosse. It was very frustrating."

But in the wake of that disappointment, Striebel had a telling conversation with some U.S. teammates who also were on the Barrage.

"I remember a moment after the final whistle where Ray Colsey, Ryan Boyle, Kyle Sweeney, and I said to each other that we have an opportunity to win a championship," recalled Striebel, a 2001 PU graduate who earned All-Ivy honors in soccer and lacrosse, helping the Tiger men's lacrosse team to NCAA titles in 1998 and 2001. "The minute we got back from Canada, we had a chip on our shoulder."

True to their word, that quartet helped the Barrage go on an offensive roll in the late stages of the season.

"We were playing at a high level the last five games of the regular season, I think we were scoring 20 goals a

game," said Striebel. "I think it started with the Baltimore game after the worlds."

In addition to producing a high-powered attack, the Barrage benefited from a special chemistry. "You couldn't go into a lab with such mismanaged parts that ultimately fit together," added Striebel with a laugh.

"We have the tough guys like Bobby Horsey and Brian Spallina. We have the trash talker in Brian Dougherty. We have Boyle who is the smartest player in the league."

In Striebel, the Barrage has one of the most productive midfielders in the league as he tallied 35 points during the regular season on 23 goals and 12 assists.

In assessing his individual production, Striebel sees it as the outgrowth of the team's chemistry. "I think a lot of it has to do with the level of comfort I have with my teammates," asserted Striebel.

"We have six guys on

offense who have been playing together for so long. We've learned how to make one another better and how to exploit things on the field."

Striebel had a feeling that he was going to be a pivotal player for the Barrage in the MLL Final Four.

"In the game before the playoffs, Boyle had a great day, he had eight points or something like that," said Striebel.

"We thought the mindset for the other teams would be that we've got to stop Boyle and force the midfield to beat us. We really stepped up."

For Striebel, the triumph in the title game triggered some deep emotions. "It was a combination of relief and excitement," remembered Striebel.

"The win in L.A. was sweet. I played with a group of guys all season; that's where my heart is. I know it sounds trite but it's what makes team sports team sports."

In the final analysis, when Striebel reflects on the highs and lows of his summer, the main thing he takes from the experience is a lesson in teamwork.

"You look at the U.S. roster and from top to bottom the team was filled with all-stars and all-time greats," said Striebel, who is currently studying fiction at the famed University of Iowa Writers' Workshop.

"You get there and it's really tough for guys who are used to being No. 1 all the time to be wing men. What you saw with Philadelphia is that everybody settled into their roles; each individual embraced his role."

And with his latest title, Striebel solidified his role as a top midfielder who thrives under championship pressure.

—Bill Alden



TWO TIMERS: Former Princeton University lacrosse standouts Matt Striebel, left, and B.J. Prager are all smiles after a Philadelphia Barrage win. In late August, the duo helped the Barrage top the Denver Outlaws 23-12 in the Major League Lacrosse (MLL) title game as Philadelphia won its second MLL crown in the last three seasons. For Striebel, the title was particularly sweet since he had endured the frustration of playing for the U.S. national team which lost to Canada this July in the title game of the 2006 International Lacrosse Federation (ILF) World Championship tournament.

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With Focus on Victories, not Statistics, PHS Football Gunning for Playoff Spot

Alexz Henriques piled up some eye-popping numbers for the Princeton High football team last fall.

The elusive 5'9, 165-pound running back rushed for 1,707 yards in 2005, the second best single-season total in CVC history. He needs 1,327 yards this season in his final campaign to pass the CVC career record of 3,779 yards held by Trenton's Corey Brown.

But as PHS prepares for its 2006 season-opener this Saturday against visiting Steiner, offensive milestones are the last thing on the minds of the Little Tigers.

"We don't talk about records," said PHS head coach Steve Everette. "We just

want to win; our focus is to win games."

Everette, though, acknowledges that Henriques will be a focus of the PHS offense as it looks to better the 6-4 record it posted last fall when it fell one win short of qualifying for the state public playoffs.

"Alexz is looking pretty good, he came in a couple of pounds heavier and a step quicker," said Everette, who expects junior fullback Doug Borchert to provide some vital inside yardage for his squad.

"We know people will be gunning for him. We're going to move the ball around a little bit and get it to Alexz in the passing game like we did when he was a sophomore."

The PHS passing game

should be in good shape with the return of 5'7, 155-pound senior quarterback John Mitko, who was among the CVC leaders in passing yardage last season.

"I didn't think it was possible to spend more time on football and watching film than Vinny Giacalone (former PHS star quarterback who graduated in 2005) but I think John has," said Everette.

"John has a great grasp of our offense. I'm excited to see him go out and perform this fall. Last year, he didn't always get the credit he deserved. We'd get an 80-yard touchdown pass and everyone would say the receiver broke tackles to make it happen. John still had to hit the pass."

PHS does have some holes to fill in its receiving corps with the graduation of Ben Guervil, Frank Giacalone, and Marc Andre.

Everette believes that seniors Tyler Moni and Sascha Hopson together with junior John Miranda, Jr. can do the job.

"Tyler is probably our No. 1 receiver right now; he's elusive," asserted Everette, who will be using junior Alex Bozich and sophomore Brandon Merrill at tight end.

"Sascha has been our starting safety the last two years and we didn't need him at receiver. He is big; he has really stepped up. John Miranda keeps making one big play after another; he made a diving one-handed catch for a touchdown in a scrimmage the other day."

Mitko has worked hard to establish a rhythm with his new receivers. "John had the group coming in over the winter at 6 in the morning to do passing drills," said Everette. "He knows what they can do."

PHS appears to have the foundation on the offensive line to let the offensive skill players do their thing. "We have about eight kids in the mix on the line; it's good to have that kind of depth," said Everette.

The PHS offensive line will feature seniors Peter Asmuth and Chris Clark together with juniors Jordan Simpson, Peter Murphy, Tamal Young, and Matt Young.

Along the defensive front, senior James Broadway should wreak some havoc. "James is a very underrated player," said Everette of the 5'11, 185 pound Broadway.

"He's not the biggest kid in the world but he really has a motor. If you try to block him with just one player; he can cause a lot of problems."

PHS, which will be using a 4-4 defensive scheme this fall, will also look to Merrill, Bozich, Simpson, and Justin Hulick to beef up its line.

The linebacking corps figures to be a strength of the PHS defense, led by Borchert, senior Elliott Schreffler, and juniors Luke LaVole and Joe Cifelli.

"Borchert was our leading tackler last year," added Everette. "Luke LaVole really did well on special teams; he hit the weight room and we really have to get him on the field."

In the secondary, the Little Tigers will be depending on senior star Hopson to dominate the field. "Sascha has come along so much," said Everette. "He can do so many things; he's like a coach on the field. We're trying to uti-

lize him in different ways in coverage and coming up on the run."

While PHS's ultimate goal is to qualify for the playoffs for the first time since the 1990s, Everette knows his squad has to take things one step at a time.

"I think our first goal is to win the division," explained Everette. "We've moved up; we're playing Steiner, Nottingham, and Hightstown. We definitely want to get to the playoffs; we think that we can compete and make some noise if we do. We have to take the steps to get there; we know it's tough."

Right now the Little Tigers are focused on Steiner, their first hurdle in the playoff drive. "We had a nice little road game with them last year," recalled Everette, refer-

ring to Princeton's dramatic 26-20 win over the Spartans last September.

"They have one of the best backs in Jimmy Costello and a lot of people are looking at this game as a battle of two of the best running backs around. We get them at home so that's good."

If PHS star Henriques wins that battle, PHS could be well on its way to putting up some good numbers in the win column.

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SMALL WONDER: Princeton High quarterback John Mitko displays his passing form in a pre-season session last week. In 2005, the 5'7 Mitko came up big for the Little Tigers as he emerged as one of the CVC leaders in passing yardage during his debut season as a starter. The Little Tigers, who went 6-4 last fall, will be depending on Mitko to be on target again this season.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



RECORD PACE: Princeton High senior running back Alexz Henriques turns the corner during practice last week. The elusive 5'9, 165-pound running back rushed for 1,707 yards in 2005, the second best single-season total in CVC history. He needs 1,327 yards this season in his final campaign to pass the CVC career record of 3,779 yards held by Trenton's Corey Brown. The Little Tigers kick off their 2006 campaign by hosting Steiner on September 9.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Emphasizing All-Out Aggressiveness, PHS Field Hockey Set for Turnaround

Losing nine seniors from a team that went 3-13 last fall, Princeton High field hockey head coach Joyce Jones would have reason to be pessimistic entering the upcoming season.

But Jones will tell you that last year's disappointing record was deceiving and that her club was on the cusp of something special.

"We lost five one-goal games," noted Jones, who has been guiding the PHS program since the 1970s. "We were in games; it was just a matter of the kids not finishing."

Looking ahead to the 2006 campaign which starts with a home game against WW/P-S on September 8, Jones believes a dose of aggressive-

ness can get her team over the hump.

"We need tenacious marking in the circle and we need to control the midfield to set up plays," explained Jones. "We need to create more scoring opportunities and beat opponents to the ball all over the field."

Jones is confident that her team can stay close in any game with senior goaltender Katie Ashmore patrolling the circle.

"She's definitely a key player for us," said Jones referring to Ashmore, who is a team co-captain along with classmate Dee Dee Mahon.

"She's improved in her skills and confidence. We're looking for her to be a director out there and to communicate."

She has the best seat in the house. What's going to be key is making the transition from offense to defense."

PHS is depending on Mahon and fellow seniors May Ying Medalia, Isabella Formento, and Amanda Santamaria to spark the PHS attack.

"Dee Dee could do some scoring for us; she can hit the ball into the cage," asserted Jones. "May Ying was our second highest scorer last season with four goals and an assist. Amanda and Isabella should also help with the scoring."

Jones, for her part, believes the team has the kind of mindset necessary to turn things around. "Our two cornerstones are enthusiasm and hard work," maintained Jones. "We're having fun. We just need to work on the basics and emphasize having better communication on the field."

—Bill Alden



REACHING OUT: Princeton High senior goalie Katie Ashmore dives to make a save in a practice session last week. PHS is depending on co-captain Ashmore to provide sharp play and leadership as it looks to improve on the 3-13 mark it posted last fall. The Little Tigers get their 2006 season underway by hosting WW/P-S on September 8.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Featuring a Deep and Balanced Squad, PHS Girls' Soccer Aiming to Rebound

Dealing with the combination of player turnover and injury, the Princeton High girls' soccer team has struggled the last two seasons.

PHS posted a combined record of 11-20 in 2004 and 2005, a mark particularly hard to swallow for a program that had advanced to the Group 2 Central Jersey sectional final in 2002 and the sectional semis a year later.

But as longtime PHS head coach Greg Hand looks at his current team, he has a comforting sense of stability with the upcoming season approaching.

"The last couple of years we have missed the balance that comes with a stable midfield and a group of forwards up top," said Hand, whose 2005 club posted a 4-11 record.

"We have a lot of girls who played through the year; they have improved skills and tactics. Across the board we have a better understanding overall of what we want to do. The kids have a sense that they have potential. We need to figure out how to work together on defense and attack."

On attack, Hand has four forwards, junior Allegra Formento, sophomores Mle Graham and Hannah Davis, and freshman Emma Karp, who he believes can contribute.

"Because we had two forwards hurt most of the season (Formento and Davis), we were always scrambling to find people up top," recalled Hand. "Now we have those two back plus Mle and Emma. We have forwards who are goal-directed and we should be able to get scoring from them."

PHS also has some solid returners in the midfield, led by junior Hannah Deming and

senior captain Danielle Vildostegui.

"Hannah is coming back for her third year as a starter," added Hand. "She really organizes our midfield. Danielle is a four-year starting varsity player."

PHS should also get a lift in the middle of the field from speedy junior Olivia Johnston and skilled freshman Chantal Celestin, the daughter of current PU women's assistant coach Ron Celestin.

"I think we have some savvy players in the midfield," asserted Hand, who is in his 17th season guiding the Little Tiger program. "I'm looking for the midfield to change the point of attack more effectively and develop the ball through the midfield."

The PHS defense should develop into a tight unit, sparked by senior Merle Redding and sophomore Carly Edgcomb.

"Merle and Carly will play in the center of our defense," said Hand. "They are very solid kids; they are tough tacklers and it's hard for players to get behind them. They have a good sense of where and how to play."

Competing for playing time on the wings will be senior Susannah Crowley, juniors Michelle and Paige Hofman, sophomore Casey Moran, and freshman Abl Debiche.

The one area where PHS doesn't have stability is at goalkeeper, where the Little Tigers are looking to replace graduated star Sue Westock.

"We have a number of kids at that position," said Hand. "We have selected Chelsea Wittman and Mary McNutt to play on the varsity. We'll decide the starter after our

last scrimmage."

The depth and the balance on the squad has helped it progress on the practice field. "You can only improve and be consistently competitive in training if you have significant players on the field during sessions," said Hand, noting that he may carry 24 players on varsity. "The practices have been excellent."

With PHS opening the 2006 campaign by playing at Hamilton on September 8, Hand is hoping the good work in training will carry over into the regular season.

"We have players who can do things but each individual needs to improve," maintained Hand. "Everybody has to continue to work for the good of the team. I am not worried about wins but about maximizing our potential and playing our best. Of course, I want to get some wins along the way."

—Bill Alden

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Sparked By Summer Trip Down Under, PDS Field Hockey Reaching for the Stars

For many high school field hockey teams in the area, a group trip to a summer camp somewhere on the east coast is a tried and true way to sharpen skills in advance of the fall.

But for 14 members of the Princeton Day School field hockey team, such a trip was not nearly enough to satisfy their ambition for success.

Instead, the group of Panthers traveled halfway around the world to Australia to participate in the 2006 Hockey Fest in Sydney, an annual field hockey event.

Playing 10 games on their trek, PDS hopes that the trip down under will push it over the top in the 2006 season.

"They are 10 years ahead of us down there," said PDS head coach Jill Thomas, noting that Australia has won Olympic gold medals this century in both men's and women's field hockey.

"They play the game year round. We learned a lot about the little things in the game."

Thomas' players also learned a lot off the field, staying in a hostel with other teams and traveling to the Great Barrier Reef and climbing the Sydney Bridge.

"The trip will make the girls better players and better people," asserted Thomas, who is in her 19th year at the helm of the Panther program.

The Panthers certainly were good players last fall as they went 15-6-1 and advanced to the semifinals in both the Mercer County Tournament and the state Prep tourney.

In Thomas' view, PDS just needs to fine-tune things a little bit to go to the next level. "They need to get into position to put the ball in the net and fire it in," said Thomas, whose club opens 2006 play

with a game at Ewing on September 9 before a September 12 showdown against visiting Stuart, the 2005 MCT champion and state Prep runner-up.

"They can't be satisfied by winning by a goal or two. We also need to keep ourselves in the best shape possible so we can be sharp in the last 10 minutes of games."

PDS is sure to get sharp play up front from the dazzling Crouse twins, Nina and Allie. "They can play, they can absolutely play," said Thomas with a laugh, referring to the pair of seniors who shredded the opposing defenses last fall. "They aren't even close to where they are going to end up. The Crouses are great and they're probably our most unselfish players."

The Panthers should also get some offensive production

from juniors Emily Cook, Marlyse Jost-Mazzeo, and Lindsey Mischner.

Another key senior performer for PDS will be the versatile Katie Briody. "Katie can play center mid or center back depending on who we are playing," explained Thomas. "She is a leader. When the ball is on her stick, good things happen."

Others who should make things happen in the midfield for PDS include junior Katherine Levinton and a pair of sophomores, the speedy Mariel Jenkins and Charlotte Lescroart.

The Panther defense will be anchored by another senior, Melanie Phillipou, who transferred into the program in 2005 from Hopewell Valley.



TOUGH COOKIE: Princeton Day School attacker Emily Cook, left, battles for the ball in a game last season. PDS will be looking to junior Cook to provide production up front this fall as it looks to improve on the 15-6-1 record it posted in 2005.

(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)



IN CONTROL: Princeton Day School field hockey star Katie Briody controls the ball in action last fall. The versatile Briody is a dominant performer in the middle of the field for PDS with her offensive production and defensive skill. Last year, Briody helped PDS go 15-6-1 as it advanced to the semifinals in both the Mercer County Tournament and the state Prep tourney. The Panthers open their 2006 season with a game against Ewing on September 9 at the Antheil School field.

(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)

"Melanie is back for a second year," said Thomas. "We hope Melanie continues where she left off last year; she really fit in."

In Thomas' view, her field hockey team could continue where the PDS lacrosse team left off last spring when it advanced to the Prep A title game.

"So many kids play both sports and when you're on a team and part of something bigger that makes an impact," said Thomas, who is also the head coach of the lacrosse team.

"We played on the third Sunday in May and we want to play on the first Sunday in November. They have left mediocrity behind. They expect a lot from each other and they are grabbing for the stars."

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Last fall, the Princeton Day School girls' soccer team got off to a blazing start, winning its first four games.

But as the season unfolded, injuries and illnesses derailed the Panthers who struggled to finish at 9-8.

Looking ahead to the 2006 campaign which starts with a home game against Allentown on September 9, PDS head coach Ted Harrington is hoping that his team will have better luck health-wise this fall.

"We need the players to stay healthy," said Harrington, who is entering his sixth year guiding the program. "If we do and we progress, I think we can be a really good team."

The spate of injuries did serve as a blessing in disguise

in one sense as the quartet of Erin Cook, Cammie Linville, Niki Asimacopoulos, and Meg Relly saw plenty of action last fall as freshmen.

"All four of this year's sophomores made contributions last year," said Harrington. "They have played a ton since last season; they are bigger, faster, and stronger."

If PDS is to have a big season, it will need a strong performance from battle-hardened senior striker Ashley Chappo.

"Ashley will be one of our top finishers; she is the player on the team who has by far the most career goals," said Harrington.

"This will be her fourth year as a starter. Her first touch has improved and she's been

finishing well in practice."

In addition to Chappo, Harrington is also looking at using senior Jacqui Bowen and sophomores Reilly and Asimacopoulos up front.

"Jacqui should get some time at striker," added Harrington. "Meg has really improved. Niki can play up top; she has an attacking mentality."

In the midfield, PDS is looking for junior Alexa Maher to run the show. "Alexa leads the way in the midfield," asserted Harrington. "She holds the ball well, she is poised and very confident defensively. She has played a lot with older players and she more than holds her own."

Harrington believes that oft-injured senior Keely Langdon can hold her own in the middle of the Panther defense. "Kelly will be playing center back," added Harrington. "She has good touch and smart feet. She's healthy right now. She's hungry to play and she's really enjoying herself."

PDS should enjoy having senior Alicia Siani and sophomore Cook playing on the wings in support of Langdon. "Alicia is fast and tough," said Harrington. "Erin is a confident player. They both can distribute the ball so we can build plays out of the back instead of just clearing the ball out of there."

As for the Panthers' last line of defense, the squad has more depth at goalkeeper with the return of senior starter Maddie Ferguson and the addition of Elisa Cichonski, last year's JV keeper.

"Maddie is looking good," said Harrington. "Last year she had some illness and we need her to stay healthy. Elisa is also looking good, she has good, soft hands. It's a big relief to the team to know that if Maddie can't play for some reason, we have a good goalie to put in."

In Harrington's view, his squad has the quality it will need as it competes at the Prep A level, which has typically featured some of the top girls' sides in the state.

"The players we have will all play and all can contribute," maintained Harrington. "In other years we had more numbers but when you got to the end of the bench you weren't sure who could contribute. We play in a tough league so there will be a lot of challenges."

—Bill Alden



HEAD GAMES: Princeton Day School striker Ashley Chappo heads the ball in a recent practice. The senior Chappo is PDS' leading returning scorer and figures to be a pivotal performer this fall for the Panthers.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



BASIC TRAINING: Princeton Day School junior midfielder Alexa Maher, right, and senior Julie Worthington battle for possession in a recent pre-season training session. The Panthers, who went 9-8 last season, kick off their 2006 campaign with a home game against Allentown on September 9.

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PGSA Softball Holding Fall Ball

The Princeton Girls Softball Association (PGSA) is offering two programs this fall.

One program will feature a clinic and scrimmage on Sunday afternoons, starting on September 10 and running through October 29. The sessions will take place at the Community Park fields from 3 to 5 p.m. The registration fee for the program is \$30 a player.

The PGSA is also offering a travel program which will involve games every Friday night, starting on September 8 and running for eight weeks. There will be an Under-10 for players ages 9-10 and an U-12 team for players ages 11-12. The PGSA teams will be playing area teams with several home games planned. The fee for participating on the travel team is \$50 a player.

For more information and registration forms, contact Paul Gray at (267) 968-5538.

Princeton Little League Holds Fall Ball Sign-up

Registration for the Princeton Little League fall baseball season is now open.

The season will run from September 16 to October 28. Children who are 7, 8, or 9-years-old on April 30, 2007 will play in the AA division. Children who are ages 10, 11, or 12-years-old on April 30, 2007 will play in the AAA division.

All children who live within the Princeton Little League geographical boundaries and meet the age and safety requirements are eligible to play.

Games for the AA division will be played at Grover Park at 1:30 p.m. Saturdays while AAA teams will play at the Grover Park Fields at 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The fall is less formal than the spring and teams are not required to have practices. Weekday division wide clinics are in the works with coaches from Princeton and Rider Universities.

The cost of the program will be \$75 and includes the instructional clinics. Scholarships are available. To register, log onto www.princetonlittleleague.com. In order to assure a spot, players must be registered by September 8.

Springdale Golf Club Holding Fall Clinics

The Springdale Golf Club in Princeton will be holding youth golf clinics this fall on Saturdays.

The sessions are open to non-members and start on October 7 and run through October 28. The sessions for children ages 12 and under are scheduled for 11 a.m. to noon with golfers ages 13-18 to go from noon to 1 p.m.

For information on fees and further details on the clinics, call (609) 924-3198 and ask for Tony.

World Masters Regatta Slated for Lake Mercer

Nearly 4,000 rowers representing some 40 countries will row this week at the FISA World Masters Regatta on Lake Mercer in West Windsor.

Sponsored by the Princeton National Rowing Association, the Masters Regatta will feature reunion boats of Olympic athletes and world champions as well as rowers from ages 27 into their 90s.

The competition starts this Thursday at 3 p.m. There are

sessions slated for Friday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Special attractions include food tastings and an international beer garden.

For a complete schedule of rowing and more information, log on to www.fisamasters2006.com or contact Princeton National Rowing Association at (609) 799-7100.

PSA House League Kicking Off Fall Season

The Princeton Soccer Association's (PSA) House League kicks off its 2006 fall season this Saturday at the Community Park Fields.

The House League program is open to players in grades K-5. The program features small teams with parental assistance with instruction through playing the game emphasized over match competition.

The PSA House League is held at Community Park fields on Saturday mornings. All players receive T-shirts and trophies. Registration is still open and more information can be obtained by logging on the PSA website at www.princetonoccer.org.

Bike Event Sun October 1 To Aid Armstrong Group

The second Annual Girasole 2006 Charity Cycling Event is being held on October 1 in the Hopewell area in conjunction with the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF).

The event, which will include circular routes of approximately 65, 35, and 32.5 miles, is being organized by Princeton resident Joseph Campisi and several of his colleagues at Bristol-Myers Squibb. Their goal is to raise \$10,000 for the LAF, which was formed by the famed cyclist Lance Armstrong to help people with cancer obtain the resources they need to live strong.

The 2005 Inaugural event, which attracted more than 125 riders from 5 states and approximately 25 volunteers, raised more than \$7,500 for the benefit of the LAF.

The circuits will begin and end at the Hopewell Elementary School. A registration fee of \$10 (\$20 on the date of the event) and a donation to the LAF of \$50 is required to participate in this event. Registration forms may be obtained through an e-mail message to pjcr56@yahoo.com.

LAF holds fundraisers across the country to raise awareness and funds in communities to help the group support people affected by cancer through advocacy, research, education, and public health programs.

To learn more about LAF, please contact the LAF at (512) 236-8820 or visit its website at www.laf.org.

AAMH Golf Event Set for September 26

The Association for the Advancement of Mental Health (AAMH) will be holding its 16th annual golf outing on September 26 at the Cherry Valley Country Club in Skillman, N.J.

The golf outing will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. followed by an 11 a.m. start. A cocktail reception will begin at 5 p.m. followed by dinner which will include a raffle and auction prizes. Golf packages are \$290 a person and include a continental breakfast, lunch, golf, open driving range, cocktails, and dinner. A cocktail and dinner only package is available for \$100 a person.

The AAMH is a private,



GREEN WAVE: Stuart Country Day field hockey star Kelly Bruvik slices through two defenders in action last season. The Tartans, who won the Mercer County Tournament and placed second in the state Prep tourney a year ago, start their 2006 campaign with games at Hightstown on September 8 and at Princeton Day School on September 12.

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For more information about the event, contact Melissa Pennell via phone at (609) 452-2088, ext 223 or via e-mail at mpennell@aamh.org. Details on the event are also available by logging onto www.aamh.org and clicking on the box entitled "upcoming events."



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OBITUARIES

**Giovanni (John) Balestrieri**

Giovanni Giuseppe (John) Balestrieri, 67, of Lawrenceville, died August 28 after a lifetime of disabilities.

Born in Barano D'Ischia, Italy, to Luigi and Cataldina Balestrieri, he came to Princeton in 1952 where he lived for many years. In his later years he lived in various homes throughout New Jersey, before moving to the Lawrenceville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

He held many odd jobs, his favorite being a caddie at Springdale Golf Club.

A music lover, he enjoyed gathering with the family to play the harmonica and sing songs. He enjoyed listening to and singing Italian music, polkas, country western, and spiritual music. He also liked to learn foreign languages and spoke a bit of many.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brother Dominick Balestrieri of Hamilton, and sister Maria Libralato of Venice, Italy. He is survived by two brothers, Ralph of Lawrenceville and Salvatore of Princeton Junction; and three sisters, Marianna Balestrieri of Princeton, Carmela Mangone of Princeton Junction, and Filomena Mazzella of Hopewell.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated September 2 at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lawrenceville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 112 Franklin Corner Road, Lawrenceville 08648; or to St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street, Princeton 08542.

Edith R. Mather

Edith Reed Mather, 92, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., formerly of Princeton, died August



20 at Riverstreet Manor, Wilkes-Barre, after a lengthy illness.

Born in Sea Bright, N.J., to Mabel Dennis Reed and Howard Beck Reed, she grew up in Princeton. She graduated from Miss Fine's School for Girls in 1931 and attended Mt. Holyoke College and New Jersey College for Women.

In 1934 she married William Brewster Mather and, with the aim of ultimately becoming missionaries, she and her husband set out for China. There her husband did his first two years of medical training at Peking Union Medical College, while Mrs. Mather started the first

Girl Scout troop in Peking. Returning to the States so that her husband could complete his next two years at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, she and her family settled in Penns Neck.

In 1940 the Mathers were appointed missionaries to China, and set out again for Peking, where they enrolled in the Chinese Language School. With the situation becoming tense after the Japanese occupation of North China, the Language School moved to Baguio in the Philippine Islands. After the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941, the Japanese interned all the Americans in Baguio at Camp Holmes. The couple's third child, Sarah Anna, became the first American to be born at Camp Holmes.

The family remained at the Baguio Internment Camp until late 1944 when they were moved to Bilibid Prison in Manila. After their liberation in 1945, the family returned to Princeton. Mr. Mather joined the staff of McCosh Infirmary at Princeton University while Mrs. Mather raised their three children. She volunteered as a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader, and worked part-time as secretary-treasurer for the Girl Scout Council. She also served on the board of directors of the Homemaker Service. Her summers were spent assisting her husband,

the camp doctor for Keewaydin Camp, Lake Dunmore, Vt.

Following her husband's retirement, she and her husband moved to Mt. Gretna, Pa., to be near their second son, James. Beginning with their 40th wedding anniversary they began to make annual extended trips to Switzerland, where they stayed at the same hotel and grew to consider the hotel staff as part of their extended family.

When her husband suffered a crippling stroke in 1993, requiring nursing home care, she moved to Wilkes-Barre to live with her daughter Sally.

An avid reader, she was sought after for her advice and intelligent conversation.

Predeceased by her husband in 2003, she is survived by a daughter, Sarah (Sally) Renda of Kingston, Pa.; two sons, William of Hopewell Junction, N.Y., and James of Mt. Gretna, Pa.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation; or to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250.

A memorial service will be held in Mt. Gretna, Pa. at the convenience of the family.

Patrick F. McManimon Sr.

Patrick F. McManimon Sr., 82, of Glen Gardner, N.J., died August 29 at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington. Born in Trenton, he had lived in Princeton for 80 years before moving to Glen Gardner two years ago.

He retired in 1988 as a steam fitter for Plumbers & Pipe Fitters Local No. 9 of Princeton, and more recently of Trenton, for over 43 years. He was treasurer of Local No. 360 and later Local No. 9.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II.

A member and past chief of Engine Company No. 1 of the Princeton Fire Department, he was also an assistant Little League baseball coach in Princeton.

Husband of the late Barbara McManimon and father of the late Kevin S. McManimon, he is survived by a daughter, Shevawn Graesser of Glen Gardner; a son, Patrick of New Jersey; and a grandson.

The funeral was September 2 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Paul's Church. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

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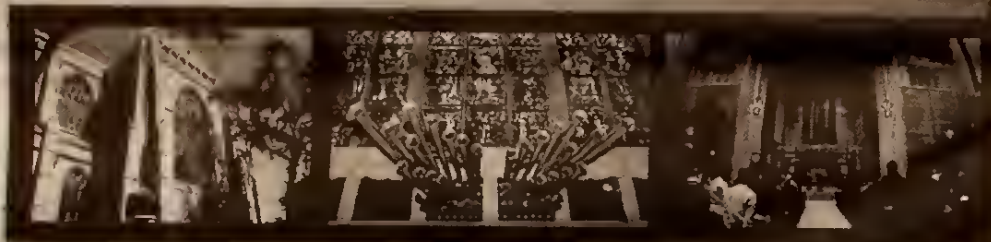
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Debbie Baer of Robbinsville and Paula Hartman of West Windsor are co-chairs of the sale, which will feature a wide range of household items, books, toys, and antiques.

The Lutheran Church of the Messiah is located at 407 Nassau Street, at the corner of Cedar Lane.

The Princeton Church of Christ will host three divorce recovery programs during the month of September.

A divorce recovery support group will meet for open discussion this Friday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m., a divorce recovery seminar will be held on the topic, "What's This Thing Called Love?" Reservations are required if child care is needed.

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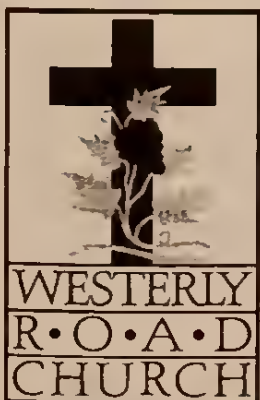
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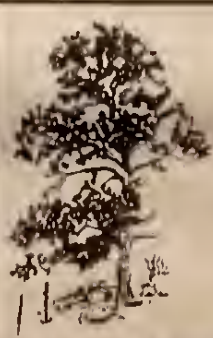


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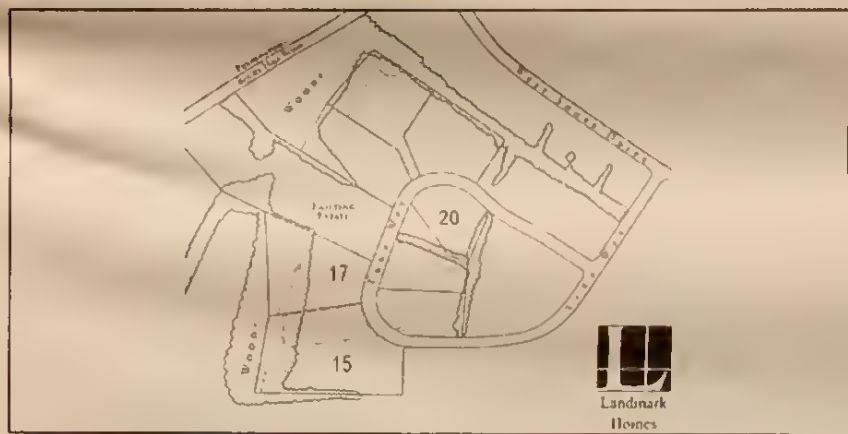
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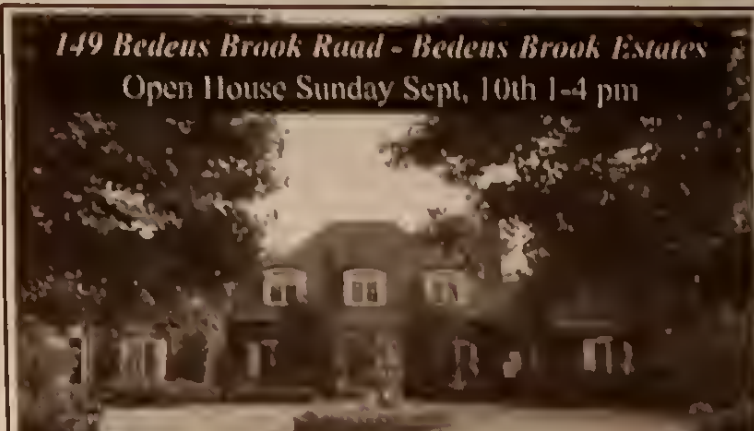


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